Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city

April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday

We are an Affirming Congregation, offering welcome and companionship to all, regardless of orientation or designation.

For thousands of years, this land has been the traditional home of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. It is still home to Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to work, live and worship on this land.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Carillon Prelude Prelude on *'Llanfair'* T. Rusterholz

Silver Band Prelude *The Pioneers* Philip Sparke
"Kumbaya" from *A Southern Gospel Suite* arr. Alan Fernie
The Home of Legends Paul Lovatt-Cooper

Organ Prelude Prelude on *'Vulpius'* Healey Willan

Easter Proclamation

Choral Introit *Alleluia* Philip Stopford

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn #155 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* Easter Hymn

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah! Our triumphant holy day, hallelujah!
   Who did once, upon the cross, hallelujah! suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, hallelujah! unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah!
   who endured the cross and grave, hallelujah! sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah!
3. But the pains which he endured, hallelujah! our salvation have procured; hallelujah!
   now above the sky he's King, hallelujah! where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah!
4. Sing we to our God above, hallelujah! praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
   praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah! praise the son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

Invitation to Worship

One: Give thanks that God is good
All: Let us celebrate the feast.
One: Give thanks that Jesus is risen
All: Let us celebrate the feast.
One: Give thanks for this Easter day.
All: Hallelujah! Let us give thanks for what God has done.
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us pray.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn Response #179 vs. 1,2 *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks* Alleluia No. 1

Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation. R

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. R

Reading Isaiah 25:6-9
The Feast
Acts 10: 34-43
The gospel story in precis

Anthem *O Risen Lord* Eleanor Daley

Gospel Reading Mark 16:1-8
The empty tomb

One: This is the witness of the gospel of Jesus.
Congregational response: Thanks be to God.

Children's Time: Easter Story from the Children

Hymn #169 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* Vulpius

1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

2. The Lord of life is risen today! Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way;
let every tongue rejoice and say: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

3. Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Sermon **"THE MOVEABLE FEAST"** **The Rev. Karen Bowles**

Duet *Jesus Rose Again* Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Kulak, Stein
Gisele Kulak and Benjamin Stein

Peace Greeting

One: The peace of Christ be with you always.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Offering

Communion Hymn #186 *Now the Green Blade Rises (vs. 1 and 4)* Noël Nouvelet

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again, like wheat arising green.

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;
love is come again, like wheat arising green.

Sacrament of communion

Great Thanksgiving

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.
One: Let us pray.

Sanctus and Benedictus Qui Venit #203 *More Voices*

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space,
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heaven, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

Eucharistic Prayer

Invitation

Post Communion Prayer

Lord's Prayer (all) (*Voices United,* p. 921)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn #173 *Thine Is the Glory* Judas Maccabaeus

1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

Commissioning and Benediction

Silver Band Postlude *Go Down, Moses* arr. Leonard Ballantine

Leading in worship are **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **The Rev. Karen Bowles.** Reading the lessons is **Terry Kelly,** and delivering the Children's Message is **Alana Martin,** Children and Youth Animator**.** The ministry of music is offered by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright,** Carillonneur **Roy Lee,** Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**, Wayne C. Vance Junior Organ Scholar **Matthew Fraser**, members of the **Metropolitan Choir,** trumpeters **MIchele McCall** and **Debbie Silverthorne,** members of the **Metropolitan Silver Band** conducted by **Fran Harvey**, soprano **Gisele Kulak,** and tenor **Benjamin Stein.**

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Zoom links can be found in MET Connect and at metunited.ca

Easter Monday, April 5
Metropolitan United Church is closed

Tuesday, April 6

5:00 p.m.	Transition Team (Zoom)	
7:00 p.m.	Affirm Committee (Zoom)	

Wednesday, April 7

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Bible Study (Zoom)	
11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Tent	Narthex
12:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study (Zoom)	
7:00 p.m.	Congregational Care Committee (Zoom)	

Thursday, April 8

6:30 p.m.	Member Engagement and Evangelism Committee (Zoom)
8:00 p.m.	Evening Communion (Zoom)

Saturday, April 10

8:00 a.m.	Saturday Bible Study (Zoom)

NEXT SUNDAY: April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter

The Rev. Karen Bowles preaching, **11:00 a.m** Online Worship Service

OUR LEGACY. OUR FUTURE:

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To the Glory of God and in grateful memory, gifts to the Metropolitan United Church Memorial Fund have been made this Easter by the following:

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Jim and Ann Beatty	Rev. Gleyn A. Beatty and Florence Beatty
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Terry Graham	Ruth Brown and Joan Duncan
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Sheila Hambleton	Her husband, Donald Hambleton
Fran Harvey	Her husband, Paul Minnoch
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Hobbs Family and Leah Darke	Betty Ayers and Lorna Hobbs
Linn Holness	Her parents and grandparents
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Paul Jacobson	Ellen Frei
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Selma Luke	Irene Cosgrove
Mary MacBean	Her husband, Gordon MacBean
Jennifer McDonald	Anne Robbins, James Robbins, Ted Robbins, and Ivan Kilpatrick
Margaret McIntosh and Jean Lee	Their parents, John and Anna McIntosh

To the Glory of God

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