

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



"Trinity" by Kelly Latimore

May 30, 2021 - Trinity 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 *Minuet*

J.S. Bach arr. Bonnet McDowell

ORGAN PRELUDE *Prelude In E-flat Major*
O Lux Beata Trinitas

J. S. Bach
Michael Praetorius

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #315 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Nicæa

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
 holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
 which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
 only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
 perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
 holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

One: God, who flung the stars into the night sky,

All: gladden our hearts with your abiding hope.

One: Christ, who embodies the Word of joy,

All: touch our wounds with your healing love.

One: Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness,

All: form deep connections around us and within us.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. (*please be seated*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

KYRIE #68 *More Voices*

Guarani song, arr. Sosa

O God have mercy, O God have mercy, O God have mercy, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (All) #59 More Voices

Yoruba song (Nigeria)

Alleluia, praise to God (*repeat*); Praises, high praises we bring you, O God.

Alleluia praise to God.

Songs of joy sing out to God (*repeat*). Dancing and singing, we praise you, O God.

Songs of joy sing out to God.

Beat the drums, sing out to God (*repeat*). Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God.

Beat the drums, sing out to God.

READING

ISAIAH 6:1-8

The call of Isaiah

ROMANS 8:12-17

Adopted by the Spirit as children of God.

RESPONSE MORE VOICES #157

Cheryl and Bruce Harding

1 I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.
I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

2 I am an endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation,
I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.

5 I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,
I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

GOSPEL

JOHN 3:1-17

Nicodemus visits Jesus by night.

ONE: This is the witness of the good news of Jesus Christ.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Joy Cometh in the Morning

Joe Utterback

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN #313 God, Whose Almighty Word

Moscow

1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.

2 Jesus, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the troubled mind, sight to the Spirit-blind,
O now to humankind let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.

4 Blessed and holy three,
glorious trinity, wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide, let there be light.

SERMON "SANCTUS COVIDENTUS"

THE REV. JASON MEYERS

SOLO *La Spagna*

Anon.

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 AND OFFERING

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 #509 *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

Here I Am, Lord

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? R
- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? R

COMMISSIONING AND BENEEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Fugue in E-flat Major ('St Anne' or 'Trinity' fugue)*

J. S. Bach

LEADING IN WORSHIP is **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. The reader is **Toba Bryant** 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**, lead singers of the **Metropolitan Choir**, and tenor and lutenist **Benjamin Stein**.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Zoom links in MET Connect and at metunited.ca

Tuesday, June 1

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

Wednesday, June 2

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

McGill Square Park

Thursday, June 3

- 8:00 p.m. Evening Communion (Zoom)

Saturday, June 5

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

NEXT SUNDAY: June 6 - Union Sunday/UCC Pride

Preacher: The Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary of the United Church of Canada

10:45 a.m. Online Worship Service

CONGREGATIONAL & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 6

The session on June 6th at 1:30 p.m. will open with a congregational meeting convened to consider recommendations from the Search Committee. Met's AGM will then immediately follow. Zoom details will be in Met Connect soon. Read Annual Report [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#); [Auditor's Report](#).

THE MET FARMERS' MARKET LAUNCHES JUNE 13

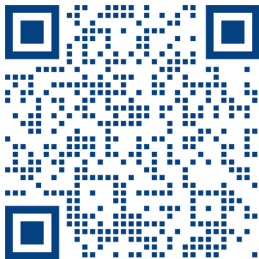
The launch of "The Met Market" is fast approaching! We are busy recruiting farmers and vendors, creating marketing materials and working on volunteer roles and responsibilities. More details to follow, but for now, please put Sunday, June 13 in your calendar as the first market date. The Met Market will run each Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through to the Fall.

THE MET APP

"There's an app for that!" You can follow our programming, view the livestream and chat, register for events, make a donation, and much more through our new app. Use your phone or tablet to download the app through [this link](#). You can also find more details and instructions on our site, [here](#).

TESTIMONY

Legacy gifts to our church are testimonies to our faith and the confidence we have in Metropolitan's future. We may designate our estate gifts to any area of our congregation's work and know that the impact will continue long after we are gone. For information on opportunities for giving, please contact Doug Flanders (416) 769-2746; email dougflanders@sympatico.ca ***A legacy — It's ours to leave.***



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