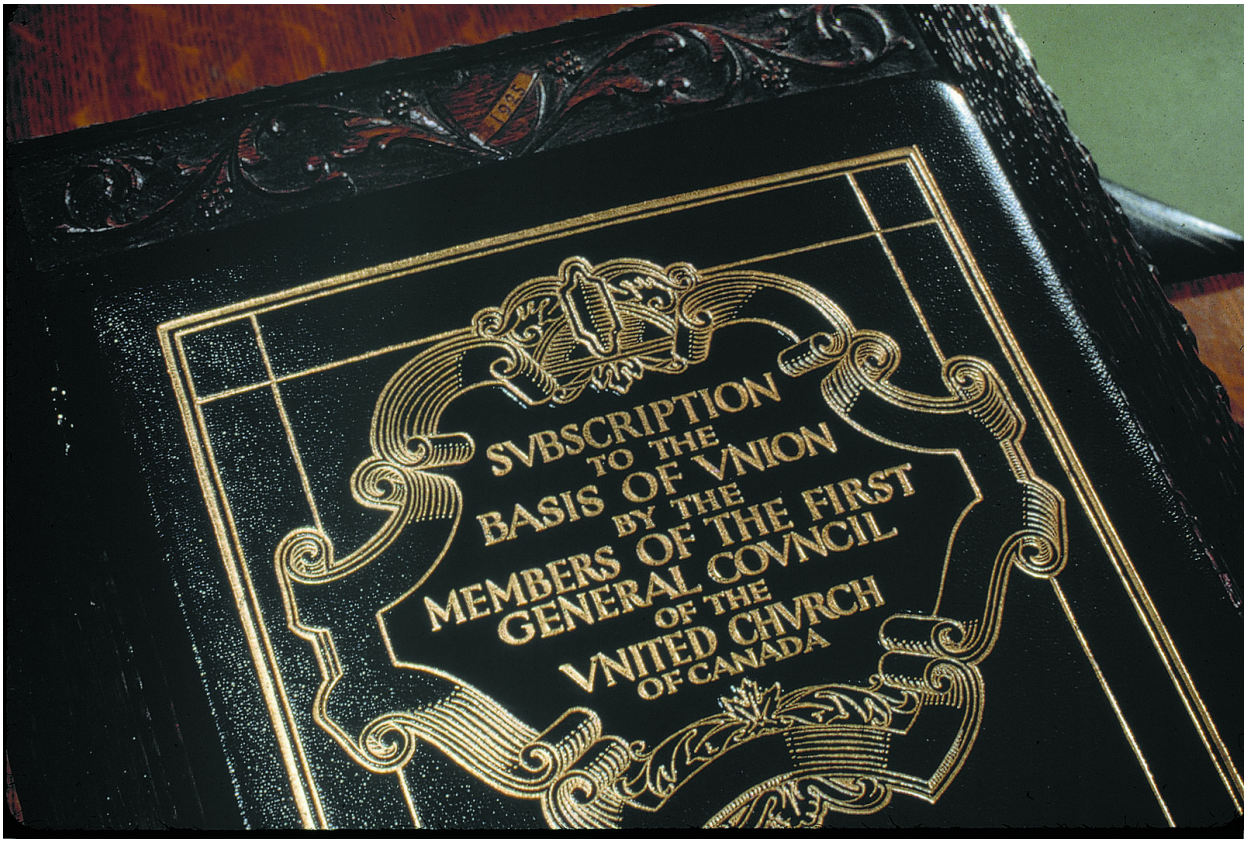
Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Basis of Union - The United Church of Canada Archives, Toronto.

June 6, 2021 - Second Sunday after Pentecost
Union Sunday/UCC Pride

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 *Ode to Joy* arr. Beverly Buchanan

Organ Prelude *Sonata IV in B-flat Major* Felix Mendelssohn
Allegro con brio-Andante religioso-Allegretto
Morning Song William France

Words of Welcome

Lighting of Pride Month Candles

All: Through work and witness, this community affirms God's love for LGBTQ2S+ people. We are all cherished. We are all celebrated. We are all included in God's love.

Opening Hymn #232 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* Hymn to Joy

1 Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2 All your works with joy surround you, earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you, centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, sound their praise eternally.

3 You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Invitation to Worship

One: We gather as a church with purpose:
All: with faith nurtured and hearts comforted,
One: with resistance to forces that exploit and marginalize,
All: with fierce love and dignity defended,
One: with gifts shared for the good of all,
All: we gather to be God's joy and justice lived out.
One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Let us pray. *(please be seated)*

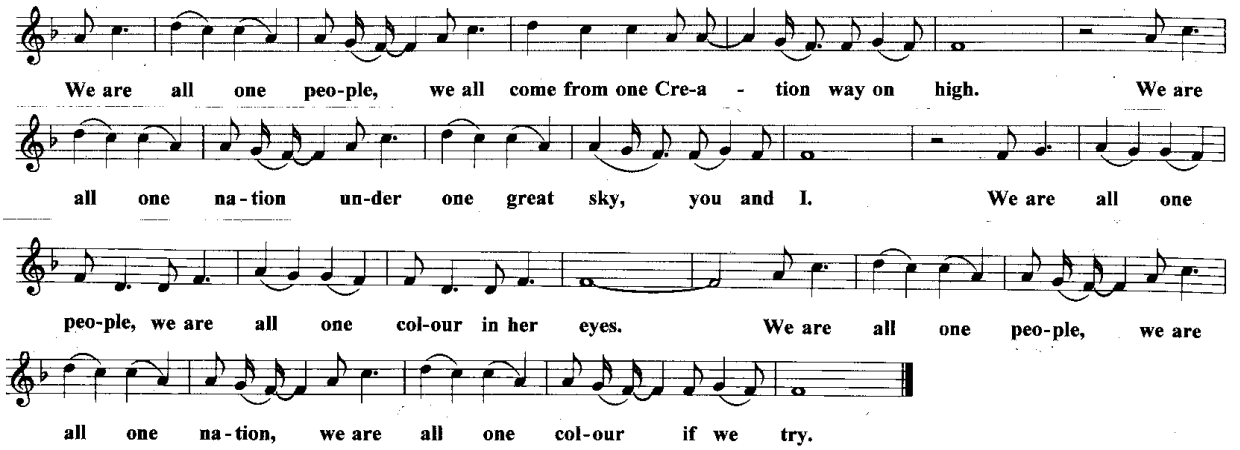
Prayer of Approach and Confession

Silence For Private Prayer

Kyrie #69 ***More Voices*** *Kyrie eleison (God have mercy)* Kervin

Assurance of Pardon

Act of Praise (All) *We Are All One People* from *More Voices* #141 J. Naytowhow (Cree)



Reading Genesis 9:8-17
A Covenant in the clouds

Galatians 3:23-29
All are one in Christ Jesus

Response *Ubi Caritas* Taizé
Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity, God will dwell with you.

Gospel John 17:20-26
Made one in love

One: This is the witness of the good news of Jesus Christ.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Brave* Sarah Bareilles and Jack Antonoff

Children's Time

Hymn #606 *In Christ There Is No East or West* McKee

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great family of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

2 In him shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

3 Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christ-like souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Sermon **"Love Wins!"** **The Rev. Michael Blair**

Solo *I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness* Antonin Dvořák

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 #565 *Love, Who Made Me in Your Likeness* All Saints

1 Love, who made me in your likeness,
to your image forming me;
Love, who showed such gentle kindness
when I fell, restoring me:
Love, I give myself to be
one with you, eternally.

2 Love, to whom my life was precious,
long before I came to birth;
Love, for ever human with us,
born to share our life on earth:
Love, I give myself to be
one with you, eternally.

4 Love, my Life, my Truth, my Splendour,
living Spirit, Mighty Word;
Love, by whose full self-surrender
my heart's wholeness is restored:
Love, I give myself to be
one with you, eternally.

5 Love, whose yoke is laid upon me,
liberating life and mind;
Love, whose grace has overcome me,
here is freedom, unconfined:
Love, I give myself to be
one with you, eternally.

Commissioning and Benediction

Organ Postlude *Sonata IV in B-flat Major* Felix Mendelssohn
Allegro maestoso e vivace

Leading in worship is **The Rev. Michael Blair** and **The Rev. Jason Meyers.** The reader is **Amanda O'Halloran** and delivering the Children's Message is **The Rev. 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,** members of **Great Heart** and the **Metropolitan Choir** led by **Benjamin Stein**, and mezzo-soprano **Valeria Kondrashov.**

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Zoom links in MET Connect and at metunited.ca

Tuesday, June 8

5:30 p.m.	Trustees Meeting (Zoom)	

Wednesday, June 9

11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Tent	McGill Square Park
12:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study	
5:00 p.m.	Worship Committee (Zoom)	

Thursday, June 10

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

Saturday, June 11

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

NEXT SUNDAY: June 13 - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: The Rev. Jason Meyers

10:00 a.m - 2:00 p.m.	The Met Farmers' Market
10:45 a.m.	Online Worship Service

CONGREGATIONAL & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TODAY

The session on June 6 at 1:30 p.m. will open with a congregational meeting convened to consider recommendations from the Search Committee. Met's AGM will immediately follow. Registration and meeting info, here.

THE MET FARMERS' MARKET LAUNCHES JUNE 13

We're nearing the opening next week! We are busy recruiting farmers and vendors, creating marketing materials and working on volunteer roles and responsibilities. The Met Market will run each Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through to the Fall. Sign up for the newsletter, here! Follow the Market on Instagram (@metfarmersmarket) and Facebook.

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.

A LEGACY OF MUSIC

Many in the congregation have remembered Metropolitan with a future gift in their wills to support our outstanding community services programs. Is this something that resonates with you? For information, for help with a bequest wording, or to explore ideas, please call Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746 or email at dougflanders@sympatico.ca. Each of us has the potential to do so much good through a legacy gift! ***A legacy. It's ours to leave.***

CONTINUED GIVING

A new, easy way to donate! Focus your smartphone's camera on the QR code to the left and you'll be directed to our giving page. Thank you for supporting the ministries of Metropolitan United Church.

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