

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



Photo: P. Rogers

June 20, 2021 Reconciliation Sunday Fourth after Pentecost

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.

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 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.

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 #678 *For the Healing of the Nations*

Westminster Abbey

1 For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

2 Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase.

- 3 All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned:
pride of status, race or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span.
- 4 You, Creator-God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind;
that, by our response and service, earth its destiny may find.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Earth Dance

Heather Spry

LEADING IN WORSHIP are **The Rev. Jason Meyers, Jonathan Hamilton-Diabo, Walter Ridley, Melanie Gilbert** and **Sunderson Sundaraman**. The reader is **Dorcas Beaton** 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**, lead singers of the **Metropolitan Choir**, and mezzo-soprano **Chris Taeyoung Kim**.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Zoom links in MET Connect and at metunited.ca

Wednesday, June 23

- 11:30 a.m. Hospitality Tent Park
12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Official Board (Zoom)

Thursday, June 24

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

Saturday, June 26

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

NEXT SUNDAY: June 27 - Pride Sunday - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: Rev. Jason Meyers

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

THE MET FARMERS' MARKET HAS LAUNCHED!

The Met Farmers' Market runs each Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through to the fall. Sign up for the newsletter [here](#)! Keep up with Market happenings on Instagram (@metfarmersmarket) and Facebook.

MESSAGE FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that The Rev. Jason Meyers has been called as our Minister of Worship and Faith Formation. He will transition to this new role that will start on September 1. Jason was presented by the Search Committee at a special congregational meeting on June 6. Congratulations, Rev. Meyers! Our community looks forward to walking together with you in our third century.

The Search Committee is continuing its interviewing process for the Minister of Congregational Care and Outreach.

TADDLE CREEK WILD CHURCH

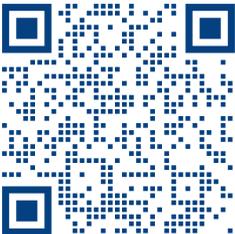
We'll hold our first outside service today at 2:00 p.m., on the east side of the Park (Church St. side) with masks and distancing protocols in place.

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](#).

I HAVE REMEMBERED METROPOLITAN

Recently, a generous friend of this church confirmed a future legacy gift for Metropolitan's ministry of music. You too may designate an estate gift of any amount to any area of our congregation's work. It is an easy yet effective way to make a lasting difference. Please call Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746 or email dougflanders@sympatico.ca ***A legacy — It's ours to leave.***



CONTINUED GIVING

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