

# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church

the downtown church for a diverse city



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## **Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Summer Worship Series**

**'The Keys to the Kingdom'**

**July 5, 2020**

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

### PRELUDE

*Sad Story*

*Masquerade*

Anya Lakota, pianist

Dimitri Kabalevsky

Linda Niamath

### WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #407 *O Joy of God*

O Perfect Love (#491)

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

Come all who are weary  
of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division

Come all who are heavy-laden  
with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger

Come all who have hope  
for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom

Let us worship God together.

The Lord be with you.

Let us pray.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### SILENCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

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

Kervin

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE (All) #104 *More Voices*

Trad., Congo

Mungu, ni mwema, mungu ni mwema, mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.

Know that God is good, Know that God is good,

Know that God is good, God is good, God is good.

### READING

Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### SOLO

*Love Is Little*

Trad. Shaker, arr. Stein

**READING**

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

**SERMON**

**“I SURRENDER ALL”**

The Rev. Karen Bowles

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING**

**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.**

**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. (all seated)

**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.**

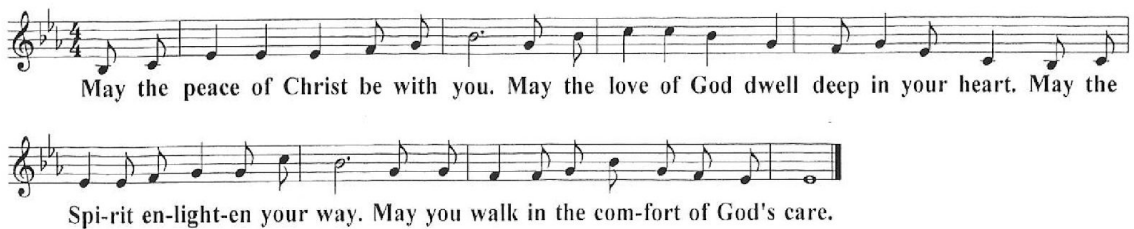
**CLOSING HYMN #504** *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

Repton

**COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**BLESSING**

Izumi Shiota



**POSTLUDE** *Trio Sonata in E-Flat Major, Allegro*

J.S. Bach

**LEADING IN WORSHIP** this morning is **The Rev. Karen Bowles**. The Children's Time is led by **Bailey Fleming** and reading the lesson is **The Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy**. The ministry of music is offered by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**, Chorister **Anya Lakota**, soprano **Chelsea Van Pelt**, alto **Chris Taeyoung Kim**, tenor **Charles Davidson**, bass **John Schneider**, and **Benjamin Stein**, drummer and soloist.

## PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

The church is closed to the public, but virtual Worship and programming are taking place.

**Wednesday, July 8**

**12:00 pm** Zoom Bible Study [link here](#)

**Thursday, July 9**

**12:00 pm** Yoga/Meditation Zoom [link here](#)

## **NEXT SUNDAY: July 12 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**11:00 a.m.** Virtual Worship via Facebook and YouTube

## **STAY CONNECTED**

Full updates around Covid-19 can be found on the homepage at [metunited.ca](http://metunited.ca). Past sermons and livestreams are also available under the Worship menu. Sign up for the MET Connect weekly e-newsletter via our homepage for up-to-date news. We're also on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#), and [Vimeo](#).

## PASTORAL CARE

Rev. Bowles and Rev. Meyers are connecting with many members and are determining the needs of our community in this challenging time. For pastoral matters in July you can contact Karen at [karenb@metunited.ca](mailto:karenb@metunited.ca) (416-670-1902) and in August, please contact Jason at [jasonm@metunited.ca](mailto:jasonm@metunited.ca) (416-363-0331 ext. 224).

## COMMUNITY SERVICES MINISTRY

The Outreach team continues to respond to the needs of our community physically and spiritually. We are following a model that provides income to small businesses in the downtown core while meeting the needs of the community: **400 prepared meals/week** to the drop-in at All Saints Church prepared by two catering companies, **take-out meals** accessible by funded chits from three restaurants in our community, and soon we will introduce a similar chit system at **local laundromats**. Additionally, our community service workers, Megan and Stephanie, are buying and delivering groceries, providing grocery cards and meeting with folks, taking appropriate precautions.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

A group of dedicated folks is keeping in touch with all those in our community and are continuing to reach out offering help where needed. Tech help is being provided.

## STAFF

Administrative staff are working remotely and are available by phone/email - don't hesitate to be in touch.

## DONATIONS DURING THIS TIME

The work of Metropolitan continues. While we cannot collect offerings in person, there remain easy ways to contribute - through our [Canada Helps page](#), or by mailing in envelopes and/or cheques to the church.

You can also arrange for pre-authorized remittance for regular giving (PAR) from your bank account, or credit card - just [download and fill out a form](#) via the website. If you have any questions, please contact Elena Pejcinovska, Financial Manager at [elenap@metunited.ca](mailto:elenap@metunited.ca) or 416-363-0331 ext. 229.

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