

# Welcome to Metropolitan United Church



Jesus Teaches in the Temple - Metropolitan stained glass window

## July 4, 2021 Sixth Sunday 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.*

## SPECIAL NOTES FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We ask that you wear your mask over your nose and mouth at all times, and maintain physical distancing when exiting. Please do not sing - listen to the soloist and sing in your hearts! See the back of the bulletin for more information.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### CARILLON PRELUDE (OUTSIDE-10:30 a.m.)

#### ORGAN PRELUDE *Fugue in C Major*

*Prelude in a Lydian Mode*

“Elegiac Prelude” and “Plaintive Air”

from *Second Suite for Organ*

“Prière” from *Sonatine for Organ*

Dieterich Buxtehude

Barrie Cabena

William France

Gerald Bales

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### ♪ OPENING HYMN #238 *(soloist only)* O Lord My God (How Great Thou Art)

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1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. R

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin. R

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!' R

#### INVITATION TO WORSHIP *(responses spoken softly)*

One: God calls us to worship.

All: **Online and in-person, we come knowing the Spirit moves among us.**

One: God calls us to follow.

**All: In Christ's footsteps, we come ready to walk in his ways.**

One: God calls us to work.

**All: We come prepared to turn our faith into action for the good of all.**

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** *(soloist only)*

P. Wright

God, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; God, have mercy upon us.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**ACT OF PRAISE Hymn #342, v.4** *(soloist only)*

Lyons

Then let us adore and give as is right, all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honour and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

## READING

2 SAMUEL 5:1–5, 9–10

David is anointed King.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:2–10

My grace is sufficient; my power made perfect in weakness.

## GOSPEL

MARK 6:1–13

Jesus, rejected in Nazareth, sends out the 12 to teach.

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

**ALL:** **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN #567** *(soloist only)* *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Kelvingrove

- 1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
- 5 Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**SERMON** "DUSTY SANDALS"

**REV. JASON MEYERS**

**SOLO** "Lord God of Abraham" from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

♪ **PEACE GREETING** (*responses spoken softly, then greeting the camera and each other with a bow*)

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** (*spoken softly*)

**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. (please be seated)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERING**

**DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*responses spoken softly*)

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. **(please be seated)**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**LORD'S PRAYER (all)** (*Voices United*, p. 921) (*spoken softly*)

**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 #660** (*soloist only*) *How Firm a Foundation*

St. Denio

- 1 How firm a foundation, you servants of God,  
is laid for your faith in God's excellent word!  
What more can be said than to you has been said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 'Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.
- 3 'When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
- 4 'When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply:  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.
- 5 'The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,  
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!

♪ **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION** (*please be seated*)

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

“Finale” from *Second Suite for Organ*

William France

*As you leave the sanctuary, please wear your mask and continue to observe a two metre distance between yourself and others.*

**LEADING IN WORSHIP** is **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. The reader is **Elsbeth Bowler**. The ministry of music is offered by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, Carillonneur **Roy Lee**, and bass **John Schneider**.

**TODAY'S MUSIC:** Except for the opening piece by German Baroque composer Dieterich Buxtehude, the remaining organ pieces are by Canadian composers Barrie Cabena (b. 1933), William France (1912-1985), and Gerald Bales (1919-2002).

**PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK**  
*Zoom links in MET Connect and at metunited.ca*

**Wednesday, July 7**

**11:30 a.m.** Hospitality Tent Park

**Saturday, July 10**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY: July 11 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Preacher: The Rev. Mark Aitchison

**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** The Met Farmers' Market

**10:45 a.m.** Worship Service online and in-person

**VISIT & VOLUNTEER AT THE MET FARMERS' MARKET!**

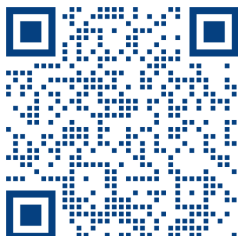
The Market runs every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and we're on the hunt for friendly volunteers! Possible duties include greeting visitors, line management, info and community booth support, set up and tear down of tents and other supplies. Drop [market@metunited.ca](mailto:market@metunited.ca) a line!

**THE MET APP**

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**A LASTING LEGACY**

"All of us, if we are reasonably comfortable, healthy and safe, owe immense debts to the past. There is no way, of course, to repay the past. We can only pay those debts by making gifts to the future." Jane Jacobs. Wise words indeed. A gift in your will of any amount is a way to say thank you to Metropolitan United Church and establish your own legacy. To explore ideas please contact Doug Flanders at: (416) 769-2746; email: [dougflanders@sympatico.ca](mailto:dougflanders@sympatico.ca) ***A legacy — It's ours to leave.***



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## IN THE SANCTUARY



No food or  
drink



Pick up a bulletin



Keep physically  
distanced &  
follow ushers



Stay in your  
seat



No singing



Use washroom at  
back of Sanctuary

## LEAVING THE CHURCH



Respect  
physical distancing



Offering plates  
at exit



No socializing  
in building

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