

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church



Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes by Sister Patricia Reid

July 25, 2021 Ninth 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 two metre physical distancing from those not of the same household in the sanctuary and when exiting. Please do not sing - listen to the soloist and sing in your hearts! See penultimate page of the bulletin for more info.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

ORGAN PRELUDE *Fantasia in G (dorian)*
Fancy in C fa ut
Fantasy on "St. Columba"

J. P. Sweelinck
Orlando Gibbons
Kenneth Leighton

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #384 *(soloist only) The Lone, Wild Bird*

Prospect

- 1 The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
is still with you, nor leaves your sight.
And I am yours! I rest in you;
Great Spirit, come, rest in me too.
- 2 The ends of earth are in your hand,
the sea's dark deep and far-off land.
And I am yours! I rest in you;
Great Spirit, come, rest in me too.
- 3 Each secret thought is known to you,
the path I walk my whole life through;
my days, my deeds, my hopes, my fears,
my deepest joys, my silent tears.
- 4 In secret depths you knit my frame,
before my birth you spoke my name;
within my soul, as close as breath,
so near to me, in life, in death.
- 5 O search me, God, my heart reveal,
renew my life, my spirit heal;
for I am yours, I rest in you;
Great Spirit, come, rest in me too.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP *(responses spoken softly)*

One: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God

All: And we, your faithful, bless you.

One: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and
tell of your power.

**All: We shall let all people know your mighty deeds
and glorious splendor.**

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 KINGS 4:42-44
Elisha feeds 100.

PSALM 145:10-18
The Lord is near to all who call.

GOSPEL

JOHN 6:1–15
Jesus feeds 5000, then withdraws to the mountain.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #355 *(soloist only)* *For the Crowd of Thousands*

Ernstein

- 1 For the crowd of thousands sitting on the ground,
seven is sufficient, seven will go round.
- 2 Seven is sufficient, fish and loaves of bread;
Jesus, for our hunger, gives us life instead.
- 3 Jesus makes his offer: fish and bread as food.
Make us truly thankful, make our living good.
- 4 If we give to Jesus bread to bless and break,
five and two will feed us seven days a week.
- 5 What we give to Jesus, and with others share,
will at last be gathered: over and to spare!

SERMON

“ENDLESS EUCHARIST”

REV. JASON MEYERS

♪PEACE GREETING *(responses spoken softly, then greeting 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 #655 *(soloist only) All My Hope on God Is Founded*

Michael

1 All my hope on God is founded;
who doth still my trust renew:
I through change and chance am guided,
only good and only true.
God unknown; God alone
calls my heart eternally home.

- 2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray our trust;
what with care and toil is built up,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.
- 3 Daily doth the almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow.
God's desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand hand in hand;
joy doth wait on God's command.
- 4 God's great goodness aye endureth,
deepest wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attending,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore from God's store
new-born worlds rise and adore.

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION (please be seated)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Paeon

Kenneth Leighton

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

LEADING IN WORSHIP are **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **The Rev. Mark Aitchison**. The reader is **Gunn Wongsuwan**. The ministry of music is offered by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**, Carillonneur **Roy Lee**, and soprano **Gisele Kulak**.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Zoom links in MET Connect and at metunited.ca

Wednesday, July 28

11:30 a.m. Hospitality Tent

Park

Saturday, July 31

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

NEXT SUNDAY: August 1 - Tenth 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

THE MET FARMERS' MARKET

The Market runs every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We're always on the hunt for friendly volunteers! Potential 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 a line!

THE MET APP

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Recently, someone shared that she had remembered Metropolitan with a gift in her estate plans. She was grateful for the profound and happy difference our church has made in her life. She wanted to give back. Metropolitan is a church with a future and one that makes a real difference. For information on how you too can leave a legacy gift to Metropolitan contact Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746; dougflanders@sympatico.ca ***A legacy — It's ours to leave.***



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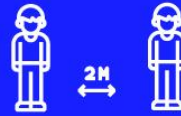
IN THE SANCTUARY



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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