

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church



photo by Jay Wagner

August 1, 2021 Tenth 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 information.

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

ORGAN PRELUDE *Prelude on "Oh, how my heart rejoices"*
Chaconne in F minor
Prelude on "New Britain"

Johannes Brahms
Johann Pachelbel
Dale Wood

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #333 *(soloist only) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP *(responses spoken softly)*

One: Bless the Lord with heart and soul, for our God is great.

All: We will bless God in this time of worship!

One: God sends forth the Spirit to renew the face of the ground.

All: God, renew us in this time of worship!

One: God feeds all creatures in due season.

All: God, feed us in this time of worship!

One: Let us sing to God as long as we live;

All: We will sing praise to our God while we have our being.

So we come to worship.

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 11:26 - 12:13A

Nathan's story that condemns David.

PSALM 51:1-12

Create in me a new heart, O God.

GOSPEL

JOHN 6:24-35

The crowds ask for another sign from Jesus.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #266 *(soloist only)* *Amazing Grace*

New Britain

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

SERMON "MY HOVERCRAFT IS FULL OF PATIENCE, NUMINOUS INUKTITUT TRANSFORMATION, AN
ABSOLUTELY AWE-INSPIRING LAKE OF TRANSFIGURATION THAT WE'LL UNPACK OFFLINE, A
GOVERNOR GENERAL... AND EELS." **REV. JASON MEYERS**

SOLO *Word of God, Speak* Bart Millard & Pete Kipley

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 #629** (*soloist only*) *Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart*

Tallis's Canon

1 Eternal light, shine in my heart;
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support;
eternal wisdom, make me wise.

2 Eternal life, raise me from death;
eternal brightness, make me see;
eternal Spirit, give me breath;
eternal Saviour, come to me:

3 Until by your most costly grace,
invited by your holy word,
at last I come before your face
to know you, my eternal God.

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

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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 **The Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy**. The ministry of music is offered by the Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Timothy Wisnicki**, Carillonneur **Roy Lee**, and tenor **Benjamin Stein**.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Zoom links in MET Connect and at metunited.ca

Monday, August 2

CIVIC HOLIDAY - CHURCH CLOSED

Wednesday, August 4

11:30 a.m. Hospitality Tent

Park

Saturday, August 7

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

NEXT SUNDAY: August 8 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Preacher: The Rev. Alan Hall

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

10:45 a.m. Online Worship Service

VISIT & VOLUNTEER AT THE MET FARMERS' MARKET!

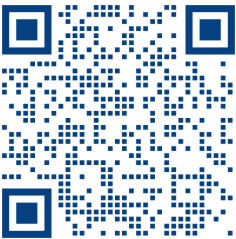
The Market runs every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and we're always in need of friendly volunteers! Possible duties include greeting visitors, line management, information and community booth support, set up and tear down of tents and other supplies. Drop market@metunited.ca a line!

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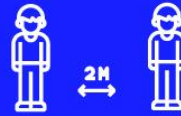
IN THE SANCTUARY



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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