

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church



'The Lord Answers Job Out of the Whirlwind' by William Blake

October 17, 2021 Twenty-First 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

Please wear your mask over your nose and mouth at all times, and maintain physical distance when exiting. Please do not sing or hum - listen to the quartet and sing in your hearts!

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

ORGAN PRELUDE

Praeludium in E minor

“The Peace May Be Exchanged” from *Rubrics*

Blessed Jesus, We are Here

Nicolaus Bruhns
Dan Locklair
J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ OPENING HYMN #264 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (octet only)

St. Denio

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP (responses spoken softly)

One: We have come seeking comfort,
inspiration, community, and insight.

**All: We have come to open ourselves
to the power of God's presence in our midst.**

One: We have come to offer up the seasons
and the turnings in our lives,

All: and to ask God's help in our learning and in our growing.

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 (*octet only*) **#69 More Voices** *Kyrie eleison (God have mercy)*

Kervin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE **Hymn #244** (*octet only*)

Arfon

Sing your praise to God eternal, sing your praise to God the Son,
sing your praise to God the Spirit, living and forever One.
God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true.
God rules over all creation, daily making all things new.

READINGS

JOB 38:1–11, 31-38

God's rebuttal to Job's complaint.

HEBREWS 5:1–10

Christ learned obedience and was made perfect.

ANTHEM *O God, Thou Art My God*

Henry Purcell

O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee. My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee in a barren and dry land where no water is. Thus have I looked for thee in holiness, that I might behold thy power and glory. For thy loving kindness is better than life itself: My lips shall praise thee. As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner and lift up my hands in thy Name. Because thou hast been my helper, therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. Hallelujah.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:35–45

James and John request to sit on Jesus' right and left.

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 "WHERE WERE YOU?"

REV. JASON MEYERS

ANTHEM *Ubi Caritas*

Carmine Lappano

Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us as one. Let us exult and be joyful, let us fear and love the living God. And with a sincere heart let us love one another.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Celtic Grace*

The Metropolitan Handbells

Susan E. Geschke

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.

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 #265 *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* (*octet only*) to Lasst uns Erfreuen

- 1 Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space; Alleluia, Alleluia!
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 2 Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
let waters fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 3 Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 4 Indwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names;
Alleluia, Alleluia!
let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

♪COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION (please be seated)

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Festival Fanfare for Organ*

S. Drummond Wolff

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**. Reading the lessons is **Amanda O'Halloran**. The ministry of music is offered by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Joshua Duncan Lee**, Carillonneur **Roy Lee**, the Metropolitan Handbells, and the Metropolitan Choir lead singers. Our sound and livestream technicians are **Paya Deghani**, **Nishaanth Siva** and **Charles Davidson**.

Metropolitan's livestreaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of Wayne C. Vance.

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Zoom links in Met Connect and at metunited.ca

Tuesday, October 19

7:00 p.m.	Metropolitan Silver Band Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Affirm PFlag Film Night (Zoom)	

Wednesday, October 20

11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Tent	Park
12:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study	
1:30 p.m.	Met Care Committee (Zoom)	

Thursday, October 21

10:00 a.m.	Pre-board (Zoom)	
7:30 p.m.	Metropolitan Lead Singers Rehearsal	Sanctuary
8:00 p.m.	Evening Communion (Zoom)	

NEXT SUNDAY: October 24 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Covenanting service with Rev. Meyers - The Rev. Doug Norris preaching

11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
2:00 p.m.	Taddle Creek Wild Church	Tommy Thompson Park

TADDLE CREEK WILD CHURCH AT THE LESLIE SPIT!

As Bilbo Baggins would say, "I'm going on an adventure!" Taddle Creek Wild Church gathers this month at the Leslie Spit (Tommy Thompson Park) for some spiritual grounding and Fall-time wandering in Toronto's "accidental wilderness." We'll meet in the parking lot of the Outer Harbour Marina at 475 Unwin Ave. at 2:00 p.m. Please connect with Rev. Meyers so we know that you are coming (jasonm@metunited.ca).

MUSIC AT MET CONCERTS

Friday Oct. 29 at 8:00 p.m. is the return of *Phantoms of the Organ*, live! Stay tuned for a registration link to attend in Met Connect. This concert will be broadcast live with our new livestream system.

Friday Noon at Met then resumes bi-weekly on Nov. 5, in-person and livestreamed on YouTube and at metunited.ca/live. Check out the website for more info. Up first is Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar Joshua Duncan Lee.

AFFIRM COMMITTEE: PFLAG MOVIE NIGHT

The Affirm committee invites you to a short film viewing and discussion on Tuesday Oct. 19th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Join us for a time of fellowship and conversation. Please email Ael Spence (aelspence@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

ALL TOGETHER NOW! a global event celebrating local theatre

Friday Nov. 12 at 8:00 p.m. is a one night only live broadcast and in-person performance of this new (license-free) musical theatre revue from Music Theatre International! Live from Met with a professional cast and band, this concert will benefit Met's Community Services program. Tickets are by recommended donation for both livestream and in-person (limited seats available). Five cameras will capture the fifteen songs representing the best of Broadway, and those in attendance will enjoy our new state of the art sound system at work.

Would you be interested in sponsoring a band member for *All Together Now*? We hope to enhance our rhythm section with a number of solo instruments, including flute, clarinet, violin and trumpet. Please email Dr. Patricia Wright, Minister of Music, at patriciaw@metunited.ca for more info.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

We're aiming to reassemble a Refugee Sponsorship Committee with the hopes of sponsoring a family in the new year if possible. Volunteers are needed to serve on this committee commencing this month. Please email Rev. Mark Aitchison at marka@metunited.ca for more information.

USHERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

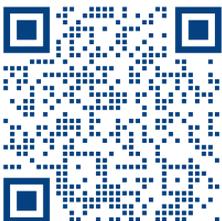
Can you help out ushering one Sunday per month? If so, please send a note to Sheela in the church office at sheelat@metunited.ca and she will connect you with William Wright, who coordinates the ushers.

"I BEQUEATH . . . "

A gift to Metropolitan in your will enables your financial support to continue after you are gone. Whether to annual programs or to our endowment funds, you may designate your gift to any area of the church's programs and ministries. Please call Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746 or email dougflanders@sympatico.ca **A legacy. It's ours to leave.**

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