

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church



God is with us.

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship Sunday

We are an Affirming Congregation, offering welcome and companionship to all, inclusive of age, ethnicity, gender identity, differing abilities, and sexual orientation.

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, mouth and chin at all times. Please do not sing or hum - listen to the octet and sing in your hearts!

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

ORGAN PRELUDE *Adoration*

Tiento de medio registro de dos tiples segundo tono
Psalm-Prelude Set 1, No. 2

F. Price
Correa de Arauxo
H. Howells

WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ OPENING HYMN #331 *The Church's One Foundation (octet only)*

Aurelia

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
- 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How long?'
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP (*responses spoken softly*)

- One: What have you brought to give today?
All: We have brought our hopes and our fears.
One: What have you brought to give today?
All: We have brought our joys and our sorrows.
One: What have you brought to give today?
All: We have brought our prayer and our voices.
One: Let us give all of ourselves in this time of worship.

All: Let us, with gratitude and joy, worship God!

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

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

1 SAMUEL 2:1-10

The song of Hannah.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-11, 16-23

Laying a foundation that someone else builds upon.

ANTHEM *Beati quorum via*

C. V. Stanford

Blessed is the one whose way is just, who walks in the law of God.

GOSPEL READING **MATTHEW 6:1-21**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

♪HYMN #878 *My Soul is Filled With Joy (Song of Hannah)* (*octet only*)

Deer Park

1 My soul is filled with joy in my Redeemer,

for God has lifted me and set me high.

There is no Holy One, no Rock like our God,

who answered my request, who heard my cry.

2 All those who talk with pride now see who God is,
who weighs our deeds and knows our every move.

Proud ones are humbled, but the poor are lifted;

all might and power are yours, O God of love.

3 The strong have fallen, but the weak are strengthened;
those who were hungry have enough to spare.

She who was barren sees her children's children;

all things are ever in your loving care.

4 O God, you set the earth on sure foundations;
help for your saints is found in you alone.
Those who oppose your truth will fall in judgement,
but you will strengthen your anointed one.

SERMON “**AFTER THE AMEN**”

REV. JASON MEYERS

ANTHEM *Lean In Toward the Light*
Great Heart

Carrie Newcomer

♪ **PEACE GREETING** (*response 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

STEWARDSHIP MONTH SPOKEN OFFERING

Frances Parkin

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Morning Canticle*
Metropolitan Handbells

Sondra Tucker

♪ **DEDICATION OF OFFERING** (*please stand as you are able*)

♪ **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. (*all seated*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Choral response: O God we call, from deep inside we yearn for you.

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 #510 *We Have This Ministry* (*octet only*)

Ministry

- 1 We have this ministry and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word, speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.
- 2 O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.
- 3 The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross, the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve, wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.

♪ COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING (please be seated)

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Toccata*

Georgi Mushel

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 **Doug Flanders**. 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 Choir lead singers**, **Great Heart**, conducted by **Benjamin Stein**, and **The Metropolitan Handbells**.

Our sound and livestream technicians are **Paya Dehghani**, **Nishaanth Siva** and **Charles Davidson**.

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

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today

1:30 p.m. Outreach Meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday, November 16

7:00 p.m. Metropolitan Silver Band Rehearsal Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 17

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
1:30 p.m. Met Care Team (Zoom)

Thursday, November 18

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study (Zoom)
12:00 p.m. Winter Community Meal Program Narthex
6:00 p.m. Peace and Social Justice Committee (Zoom)
6:30 p.m. Metropolitan Handbells Rehearsal Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Metropolitan Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
8:00 p.m. Evening Communion (Zoom)

Friday, November 19

12:00 p.m. Noon at Met Concert Sanctuary

Saturday, November 20

8:30 a.m. Saturday Bible Study (Zoom)

NEXT SUNDAY: November 21 - Reign of Christ / Social Justice Sunday

11:00 a.m. Worship - Tina Conlon preaching
Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; John 18:33-37

FRIDAY NOON AT MET BI-WEEKLY CONCERTS

Our noon hour recital series featuring Canada's largest pipe organ continues Nov. 19 with Cari Astleford, a doctoral student in the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto. Register to attend at metunited.ca/music or view the concert live at metunited.ca/live. If you forget to register, walk-ins are welcome - as with all our concerts, your vaccine certificate is mandatory for attendance.

SECRETARY FOR OFFICIAL BOARD

Met is in need of a recording secretary to document the work of the Official Board. If you have the time to participate in two meetings a month, have good listening and recording skills, have computer skills that enable composing, circulating and archiving files and would enjoy working with a committed and dynamic leadership team, then we would like to hear from you. Mentoring and support will be provided - please

contact Vera Taylor at veraetaylor@rogers.com if you are interested.

USHERS NEEDED FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Ushers are needed as we move into the busy Advent and Christmas season. Even one Sunday a month is a great help to our team. If you'd like to help out, please send a note to Sheela in the church office at sheelat@metunited.ca and she will connect you with William Wright, who coordinates our ushers.

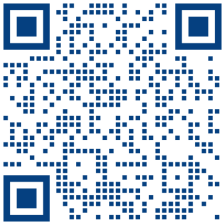
MAY I?

“May I leave my RRSPs or RRIFs to Metropolitan?” Yes, you certainly may. With our passing, these investment vehicles are fully taxable. Leaving them to the church will provide your estate with a charitable receipt for the full amount donated that in turn will significantly offset this tax impact on your estate. Like to explore possibilities? Call Doug Flanders at (416) 769-2746 or email

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A legacy — it's ours to leave.

Generosity is the most natural outward expression of an inner attitude of compassion and loving-kindness. —The Dalai Lama XIV



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