

Welcome to Metropolitan United Church



Shipbreaking #9a, Chittagong, Bangladesh, 2000 (E. Burtynsky)

November 21, 2021

Reign of Christ / Peace and Social Justice 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 choir and sing in your hearts!

ORDER OF SERVICE

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

ORGAN PRELUDE *Praeludium in D Major*
"Tiento" from *Suite Médiévale*
All Glory Be to God on High

Dieterich Buxtehude
Jean Langlais
Johann Sebastian Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

Walter Ridley

OPENING HYMN #217 *All Creatures of Our God and King* (choir only) Lasst Uns Erfreuen

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
 hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
 sing praises, sing praises,
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
 sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
 sing praises, sing praises,
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:
 sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
 sing praises, hallelujah!
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 4 And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part:
 sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
 sing praises, hallelujah!
 hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

5 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP *(responses spoken softly)*

One: Say among the nations, The Lord reigns.
All: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!
One: The Lord is coming to judge the earth.
All: God will judge the world with righteousness and truth.
One: So, let us worship God with praise and honour.
All: We will offer our thanks and praise for all that God has done.
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)* *(choir only)* Kervin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE **Hymn #244** *(choir 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

PSALM 93

The majesty of God's rule.

REVELATIONS 1:4B-8

John writing to the seven churches in Asia.

THE GOSPEL READING

JOHN 18:33-37

The betrayal and arrest of Jesus.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Christ Whose Glory*

Keith Bissell

Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light, sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night. Dayspring from on high, be near; daystar, in my heart appear.

THE READING FROM THE PROPHET

DANIEL 7:9-10. 13-14

Judgment before the ancient one.

♪HYMN #307 *Touch the Earth Lightly* (*choir only*)

Tenderness

- 1 Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently, nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender, trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
- 2 We who endanger, who create hunger, agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster clouds of disaster, God of our planet, forestall and forgive!
- 3 Let there be greening, birth from the burning, water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden, hope in God's children, regeneration that peace will complete.
- 4 God of all living, God of all loving, God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us, using us gently and making us one.

SERMON **“SETTLING INTO THE KINGDOM OF JESUS”**

TINA CONLON

ANTHEM **“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”** from *Requiem*

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name evermore.

♪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 TESTIMONY

Terry Kelly

OFFERTORY SOLO *Lord, Make Me an Instrument*

Jonathan Willcocks

Gisele Kulak, soprano

♪ 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

Finn Woolrich, Andrew McGrenere and Melanie

Gilbert

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 #213 *Rejoice, the Lord is King! (choir only)*

Darwall's 148th

- 1 Rejoice the Lord is King! Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!
- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins, he took his seat above. R
- 3 God's kingdom cannot fail; Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. R
- 4 Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints for their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

♪ COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE *Te Deum*

Jean Langlais

As you leave the sanctuary, please wear your mask and continue to observe physical distance.

LEADING IN WORSHIP are **The Rev. Mark Aitchison, Tina Conlon, and members of the Peace and Social Justice Committee.** Reading the lessons is **Dorcas Beaton.** The ministry of music is offered by Minister of Music **Dr. Patricia Wright,** Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Joshua Duncan Lee,** Carillonneur **Roy Lee,** and members of the **Metropolitan Choir.**

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
12:30 p.m. Great Heart rehearsal Morley Punshon Room

Tuesday, November 23
6:00 p.m. Official Board Meeting (Zoom)
7:00 p.m. Metropolitan Silver Band Rehearsal Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 24
12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Intergenerational Advent Craft Event
7:00 p.m. Met Social

Thursday, November 25
8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study (Zoom)
12:00 p.m. Winter Community Meal Program Narthex
6:30 p.m. Metropolitan Handbells Rehearsal Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Metropolitan Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary
8:00 p.m. Evening Communion (Zoom)

Saturday, November 27
8:30 a.m. Saturday Bible Study (Zoom)
9:00 a.m. Greening of the Church for Advent Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY: November 28 - First Sunday in Advent/Sacrament of Communion

11:00 a.m. Worship - The Rev. Jason Meyers preaching
Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; Luke 21:25-36

INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT CRAFT EVENT

Join in the creative fun this Wed. Nov. 24 at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom with our intergenerational Advent family craft! How it works: Register for your felt set and this coming week everything you need will be delivered to you or available for pick up at Met. On Zoom we'll receive instructions on putting the nativity scene together and enjoy a time of fellowship and community. All are welcome! Email alana@thegorproject.ca to sign up.

MET SOCIAL THIS WEDNESDAY

Following our Advent craft event is November's Met Social on Zoom, with another episode of The Vicar of Dibley on the menu. The joining link can be found on the event page on our site.

WILD CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Please note the new start time of 1:00 p.m. next Sunday for Taddle Creek Wild Church, taking place in the Park. TCWC is a time for nature-based experience, reflection & community from an inclusive Christian perspective.

FRIDAY NOON AT MET BI-WEEKLY CONCERTS

Our noon hour recital series continues Dec. 5 with David Simon, a doctoral student in Yale University and teacher at St. Michael's Choir School, Toronto. Attend the concert or view the livestream at metunited.ca/live. Registration will take place at the door and as with all of our concerts, your vaccine certificate is mandatory for attendance.

MAY I?

"May I leave my RRSPs or RRI's 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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