

# WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH



Jordan River, May 2022 (M. Aitchison)

## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** **July 3, 2022**

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

Masks are recommended when in the church building. ♪ indicates “*please stand as you are able.*”

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### ORGAN PRELUDE

*Renaissance Dances*

arr. Johnson and Miller

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ OPENING HYMN #240 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* (Verses 1, 3, 4, 5)      *Lauda Anima*

#### ♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One:      Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

All:      **We will sing to the glory of God with resounding praise.**

One:      Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!”

All:      **God has turned our mourning into dancing and clothed us with joy.**

One:      Let all the earth worship God and sing praises to God’s holy name.

All:      **O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever.**

One:      Come, let us worship God.

All:      **O Lord our God, we will always give you thanks!**

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 (ALL) #69 *More Voices*

*Kyrie eleison* (God, have mercy)

Kervin

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### ♪ ACT OF PRAISE (All) #342, v.4

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.

Lyons

#### READING

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

Jesus sends out Seventy-two Messengers

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

♪ **HYMN #442** *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

Beach Spring

**SERMON**      **“Surprised by God”**  
**2 Kings 5:1-14**

Rev. Mark Aitchison

**SOLO** *I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me*  
Michelle M. Simmons, mezzo soprano

Spiritual, arr. H.T. Burleigh

### **PEACE GREETING**

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. (*please greet each other with a bow*)

### ♪ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 HYMN #518, V. 3**

With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to you,  
Not just to serve your cause, but share your love with neighbours too.  
O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ, your son,  
Help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

### ♪ **DEDICATION OF OFFERING**

## ♪GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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 #420 *Go To the World*

Sine Nomine

## ♪COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

### ♪BLESSING #429 (*All - please turn toward the centre*)

William Wright

May the blessing of God be upon you. May God's love light all your way. May the grace of Christ enfold you and peace around you stay. May the Spirit of God dwell within you. May you live in joy each day.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE *Fanfare on "In Christ there is no East or West"*

Charles Callahan



Leading in worship is **The Rev. Mark Aitchison**. The ministry of music is offered by interim Music Director **Benjamin Stein**, Organist **Dr. John Derkson**, and soloist **Michelle M. Simmons**. Our sound and livestream technicians are **Paya Dehghani**, **Alastair McDonald** and **Charles Davidson**. Metropolitan's livestreaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of **Wayne C. Vance**.

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