

WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH

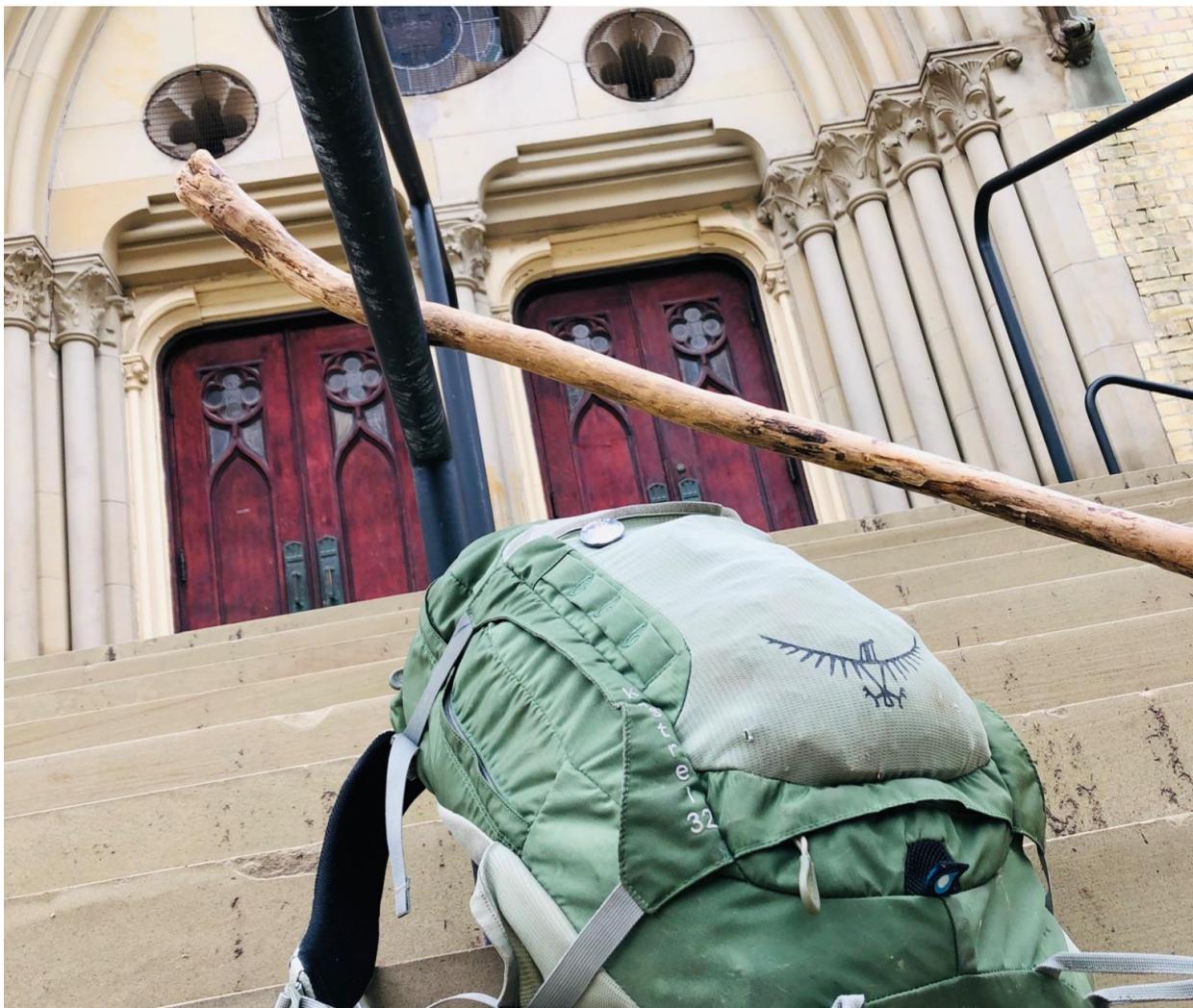


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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 7, 2022

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 *Prelude in D Major*

Symphony No. 4 in G Minor, IV. Adagio Molto Espresso

J.S. Bach

L. Vierne

WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ **OPENING HYMN #655** *All My Hope on God is Founded*

Michael

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: The Creator resides in the midst of creation...calling us into community.

All: Our world waits for the Holy One, our hope and our help.

One: The God of righteousness gazes upon the beloved with delight and concern.

All: Our bodies wait for the Holy One, our hope and our help.

One: The Spirit of the Living God greets us with fresh winds and new mercies.

All: Our souls wait for the Holy One, our hope and our help.

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

READINGS

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 The vision of Isaiah

Luke 12:32-40 “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.

SERMON “*What’s in Your Backpack?*”

Rev. Jason Meyers

SOLO Qui Sedes (from *Mass in B Minor, BWV 232*)

J.S. Bach

Valeria Kondrashov, mezzo-soprano

Who sits at the right hand of the father, have mercy on us.

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*)

O ANTIPHONS OF SUMMER PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Macrina Wiederkehr/Joyce Rupp

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 #651 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Cwm Rhondda

♪COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

♪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 *Fugue in D Major*

J.S. Bach



Leading in worship is **The Rev. Jason Meyerss**. The ministry of music is offered by interim Music Director **Benjamin Stein**, Organist **Joshua Duncan Lee** and soloist **Valeria Kondrashov**. Our sound and livestream technicians are **Charles Davidson**, **Alastair McDonald** and **Nishaantha Siva**. Metropolitan's livestreaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of **Wayne C. Vance**.

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