

WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH



Mark Aitchison

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **July 31, 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.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE *Simple Gifts*
Sine nomine
Forest Green

John G. Barr
Denis Bédard
Richard Purvis

WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ **OPENING HYMN #242** *Let All Things Now Living*

The Ash Grove

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

All: God’s faithful love endures forever.

One: Has the Lord redeemed you? Then say so!

All: God has redeemed us from trouble and leads us on paths of justice and righteousness.

One: Praise the Lord for God’s steadfast love is great!

All: Let us praise the Lord! Let us 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 (ALL) #69 More Voices

Kyrie eleison (God, have mercy)

Kervin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

♪ **ACT OF PRAISE (All) #342, v.4**

Lyons

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.

READINGS

Colossians 3:1-11

Seek the Things That Are Above

Luke 21:13-21

Be On Your Guard Against All Kinds of Greed

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

All: Thanks be to God.

♪ **HYMN #506** *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Mozart

SERMON **“When Too Much is Too Much”**

Rev. Mark Aitchison

SOLO “O Rest in the Lord” from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

Valeria Kondrashov, mezzo

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 #288 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

♫ COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

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

William Wright

ORGAN POSTLUDE *God of Grace*

Paul Manz



Leading in worship is **The Rev. Mark Aitchison**. The ministry of music is offered by Organist **Dr. John Derksen** and soloist **Valeria Kondrshov**. Our sound and livestream technicians are **Charles Davidson** and **Nishaantha Siva**. Metropolitan's livestreaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of **Wayne C. Vance**.

THANK YOU DR. JOHN DERKSEN

We wish to thank Dr. John Derksen for his leadership at the organ and his ministry of music for the last few months. It has been wonderful to work and worship with you. God bless you John.

Saturday morning Bible Study continues through August

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