

WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH



Inside the reservoir at the R.C. Harris Filtration Plant circa 1933. Source: Toronto Archives

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **August 28, 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 optional when in the church building. ♪ indicates “please stand as you are able.”

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE *Andantino from Suite for Organ*
Trio Sonata 1 in Eb Major, BWV 525

E. Elgar
J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ **OPENING HYMN #256** *O God Beyond All Praising*

Thaxted

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: We come to worship God, to listen to the One who calls us here.
All: We come trusting God to lead us as surely as with our ancestors in the faith.
One: We come to worship God, to give voice to our hopes and our needs.
All: We come to the Creator of all things, thirsting for the waters of life.
One: We come to the feast of the faithful, to be fed by the One who never forsakes us.
All: We come to worship our God, the one who is the same
yesterday, today and forever.
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

Jeremiah 2:4–13 *The people have forsaken living water.*
Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16 *A list of instructions on living mutual love.*

One: This is the witness of the early church.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Old Faithful"

Timothy Wisnicki

SOLO I Will Sing New Songs Of Gladness

A. Dvorak

Gisele Kulak, soprano

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 #511** *Before You Now, O God*

St. Agnes (Langran)

♪ **BLESSING OF MINISTRY**

One: Because you have grown in your faith,
All: we have grown in ours.
One: Because you have explored your call,
All: we are more open to hear God's call to us.
One: Because you have given of yourself,
All: we have been nourished, comforted and inspired to give of ourselves.
One: We thank you. We love you.
All: We send you to be a blessing to the church and to the world.
One: May your ministry always shine with the light of Christ.
All: We send you now to be the blessing that you have been to us.

♪ **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** *Carillon (from 24 Pièces en style libre)*

L. Vierne



Leading in worship are **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **Timothy Wisnicki**. The ministry of music is offered by Interim Music Director **Benjamin Stein**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Joshua Duncan Lee** and soloist **Gisele Kulak**. Our sound and livestream technicians are **Paya Deghani** and **Alastair McDonald**. Metropolitan's livestreaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of **Wayne C. Vance**.