

WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH



GALA HYMN FESTIVAL **April 23, 2023 AT 3:00 PM**

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 the Mississaugas of the Credit, covered by Treaty 13. It is still home to Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to work, live and worship on this land.

PARTICIPANTS

Partner Groups and Ensembles

Metropolitan Festival Choir; Metropolitan Silver Band Sextet (dir. Fran Harvey); Music United; The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada; Yorkminster Park Baptist Church Choir

Presenters, Organists, Pianists, Conductors

Sharon Beckstead; Christopher Dawes; Hilary Donaldson; Dawn Duncliffe; Bruce Harding; William Maddox; Jonathan Oldengarm

Front of House

Terry Kelly; Jeff Laitar; Fran Parkin

We are very grateful for the support of Metropolitan's excellent and dedicated Office and Care Staff.

Our sound and livestream technicians today are Paya Dehghani, Nishaanth Siva and Alastair McDonald. Metropolitan's livestreaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of Wayne C. Vance.

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If you would like to support Music at Met financially beyond today's freewill donation, please contact Minister of Music Jonathan Oldengarm at jonathano@metunited.ca, or 416.363.0331 x226.



Your freewill donations will support the costs of this afternoon's programme, and any additional funds received will support Metropolitan's sponsorship of an Afghan refugee family who are in the process of coming to Canada.

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PROGRAMME

WORD OF WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jonathan Oldengarm

OPENING HYMN 240 *Praise, my Soul, the God of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

Text by Henry Frances Lyte, tune by John Goss
arr. Jonathan Oldengarm; descant by Derek Holman

MASSED CHOIR *Zadok the Priest*

Georg Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

AN INTRODUCTION TO METRICAL PSALMS

Jonathan Oldengarm

879 *The Race That Long in Darkness Pined*

DUNFERMLINE

883 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

GENEVAN 42

811 *To Render Thanks Unto Our God*

BISHOPTHORPE

PRESENTATION of *Then Let us Sing!*

Bruce Harding

INTRODUCTION TO 19TH-CENTURY REVIVAL HYMNS

Hilary Donaldson

675 *Will Your Anchor Hold*

337 *Blessed Assurance*

MASSED CHOIR *Hallelujah Chorus, from Messiah*

Georg Frideric Handel

INTRODUCTION TO HYMNS ADAPTED FROM FOLK MELODIES

Dawn Duncliffe

625 *I Feel the Winds of God Today*

KINGSFOLD

242 *Let All Things Now Living*

THE ASH GROVE

HYMN 149 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 3 choir alone)*

ROCKINGHAM

Text by Isaac Watts; melody adapted by Edward Miller

arr. Jonathan Oldengarm

MASSED CHOIR *The Lord Bless you and keep you*

John Rutter, b. 1945

CLOSING HYMN 438 *The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended*

ST. CLEMENT

Text by John Ellerton; tune by C.C. Schofield

arr. Jonathan Oldengarm

UPCOMING AT METROPOLITAN UNITED

Thursdays at 12 pm: Noon at Met

April 27 - University of Toronto pianists Mariya Orlenko, Kelsey Zhong, and Shuman Zhou

May 4 - Glenn Gould School Chamber Music Showcase, w organist/harpsichordist Jonathan Oldengarm

May 11 - Stefani Bedin, organist

May 18 - Quartet from the Metropolitan Silver Band

May 25 - William Maddox, organist

Saturday, May 27 - Sunday, May 28 from 10 am to 5 pm: Doors Open Toronto

Come and explore Met's rich collection of musical instruments, stained glass, paintings, tapestries, banners and more. Guided tours; and organ, carillon, piano and harpsichord recitals with informal instrument demonstrations. Freewill donation.

Wednesday, June 21 at 8 pm: *Considering Matthew Shepard (in person only)*

The Elora Singers (directed by Mark Vuorinen) present a repeat performance in Toronto of this moving oratorio by Craig Hella Johnson; both an account of and reflection on the hatred that ended Matthew Shepard's life. This powerful work offers hope of acceptance and inclusion in a changing world in a concert reflecting on the themes of love and compassion. The three-part fusion oratorio speaks with a fresh and bold voice, incorporating a variety of musical styles seamlessly woven into a unified whole. For tickets, visit bit.ly/CMSatMet or the Elora Singers website.

Do you love to sing? Are you looking for a welcoming choir family? Do you read music well? Do you enjoy choral music from Hildegard to Bach to Stanford to rock and pop arrangements? If yes, the Met United Choir is the place for you! We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30, and Sunday mornings from 10:10 to 10:30 from September to June. Regular services are on Sundays from 11:00 - 12:15, with the usual special seasonal services. Stimulating concerts throughout the year include masterworks with orchestra, eg. Bach Passions, Brahms, Mozart; Lessons & Carols; cabaret-style events; and more. Email Minister of Music Jonathan Oldengarm (jonathano@metunited.ca) for more information and to arrange an audition.

Livestream services and concerts at metunited.ca/live

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