

WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MOTHER'S DAY May 14, 2023

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.

ORDER OF SERVICE

♪ indicates “please stand as you are able.”

CARILLON PRELUDE (*outside, ending with:*)

Mama

Guest Carillonist: Elisa Tersigni

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, 1840-1893, arr. Arie Abbenes

PRELUDE (*played by children of the Met community*)

Evan Lakota: *Harlequinade*

Tessa Lakota: *Prelude VII*

Elise Lakota: *Sonatina in C Major*

Anya Lakota: *Fantasy Bossa*

Blayze Gilady: *Hungarian*

Hermione Martyn (piano): *Sledding*

Hermione Martyn (violin): *Waltz*

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Barbara Evans

Muzio Clementi

Christopher Norton

Edward MacDowell

Irina Gorin

Johannes Brahms

WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 555 *Our Parent, by Whose Name*

RHOSYMEDRE

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: We are God's household, crafted by the Architect of creation:

All: **our hearts a shelter for the outcast;
our hands open to the stranger.**

One: We are God's people, created in the divine image:

All: **to tell others of God's love,
to offer mercy as freely as we have received it.**

One: We are God's children, called to give of ourselves:

All: **chosen to serve the lost and lonely,
gifted to minister to a hurting world.**

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*) **More Voices 69**

Kyrie eleison (God, have mercy).

William S. Kervin

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF PRAISE *(All) More Voices 59 Alleluia, Praise to God* trad. Yoruba Song
Alleluia, praise to God. Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God. Alleluia, praise to God.
Songs of joy sing out to God. Dancing and singing, we praise you, O God. Songs of joy...
Beat the drums, sing out to God. Praises, high praises, we bring you, O God. Beat the drums...

READINGS

Psalms 66:8-20

God preserved us.

1 Peter 3:13-22

Do not repay evil for evil.

ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Joel Raney

Metropolitan Choir with Metropolitan Choristers, directed by Dr. Jennifer Martyn

GOSPEL READING **John 14:15-21**

The Advocate, the Spirit, will be with you.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LANTERN

HYMN 320 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

HESPERUS

SERMON ***“All is well when family is well.”***

The Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg

ANTHEM *For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter, b. 1945

Sung by the Metropolitan Choir with members of the Met community—including anyone who is, who knows, who has, or who has had a mother.

The text at *Voices United* 628.

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 *Songs My Mother Taught Me, from Gypsy Songs, op. 55*

Valeria Kondrashov, alto

Antonin Dvorak, 1841-1904

♪ FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY 217

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia Alleluia

Give thanks to God in love made known:

Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Alleluia ...

♪ 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.

♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN 232 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

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 *Toccata, Fugue et Hymne sur Ave Maris Stella*

Flor Peeters, 1903-1986

"Hail, star of the sea, Nurturing Mother of God, And ever Virgin; Happy gate of Heaven... Show thyself to be a Mother: Through thee may he receive prayer, Who, being born for us, Undertook to be thine own."



Leading in worship are **The Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg**, **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **Ael Spence**. Reading the lessons is **Michael Connolly**. The ministry of music is offered by Guest Carillonist **Elisa Tersigni**, the **Metropolitan Choristers** directed by **Dr. Jennifer Martyn**, Minister of Music **Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Joshua Duncan Lee**, and the **Metropolitan Choir**. Our sound and livestream technicians are **Paya Dehghani**, **Nishaanth Siva** and **Alastair McDonald**. Metropolitan's livestreaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of **Wayne C. Vance**.

MUSIC & WORSHIP NOTES

This morning we celebrate mothers, those special people who have anchored many of us. Our relationships with mothers and mothering can be joyful and nurturing, but can in equal measure be painful stories of loss. John Rutter's *For the Beauty of the Earth* is written in that composer's characteristically lyrical and adept style, with a memorable melody, perfectly-calculated text-setting, etc. While we know Antonin Dvorak mainly as a symphonist, his art songs are masterpieces in miniature. The tender words of *Songs My Mother Taught Me* are matched by a gentle melody, and the sense of generational continuity (telling our children's children—a very scriptural notion) is underlined by repeating rhythmic motives. Our postlude is a fine triptych by the Belgian organist Flor Peeters, and is written in a more French Symphonic idiom than most of Peeters' work. (Doubtless this is in homage to the dedicatee, the great Charles Tournemire, César Franck's successor at the church of Ste-Clotilde in Paris.) *Ave Maris Stella* is a 9th-century hymn that celebrates Mary the Mother of God, the most famous mother in scripture. Interesting trivia detail: since 1884 it has been the national hymn of the Acadians.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

**Zoom links in Met Connect and at metunited.ca*

MONDAY, MAY 14

8:00 p.m. Centring Prayer*

TUESDAY, MAY 16

6:-30 p.m. Board

7:00 p.m. Metropolitan Silver Band

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

8:45 a.m. Celtic Morning Prayer (Zoom/chapel)

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study*

7:00 p.m. Met Care*

THURSDAY, MAY 18

8:30 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study*

12:00 p.m. Footcare Clinic

12:00 p.m. Noon at Met

4:00 p.m. Chop Chop

6:00 p.m. Kids Bedtime Stories*

6:00 p.m. Peace and Social Justice

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Metropolitan Choir

FRIDAY, MAY 19

9:00 a.m. Footcare Clinic

9:30 a.m. Summer Breakfast Program

12:30 p.m. Art and Computer Lab

SATURDAY, MAY 20

8:30 a.m. Saturday Bible Study*

NEXT SUNDAY: MAY 21 - Ascension of the Lord

9:30 a.m. Choristers

10:00 a.m. Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)

10:30 a.m. Nursery

11:00 a.m. Worship - The Rev. Jason Meyers preaching
Readings: Psalm 47; Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

1:00 p.m. Pilgrimage - meet at High Park by Keele Station

COMMUNITY NEWS

NEW MEMBERS CLASS TODAY

Are you interested in exploring becoming a member of Metropolitan? Perhaps you've been watching services online, or are new to the community, and are wanting to learn more about the life of the church. Perhaps Met has been your spiritual home for quite some time, but you have never taken the step of becoming a member. If you are feeling a nudge to go deeper into your faith journey, we will be hosting a New Members Class today at 1:00 p.m. in the Flanders Library and on Zoom. Please speak with Rev. Jason to indicate your interest.

PILGRIMAGE ON MAY 21

As acts of devotion and spiritual practice, Christians have been walking to holy places or with holy intention for centuries. We will be opening up opportunities to embark on 'spiritual quests' in the coming months, with the first being a local pilgrimage on May 21 after our Sunday worship service. We will travel together via TTC to Keele Station, through High Park, along the waterfront trail, and back to the church (approx 11km), where we will gather for a snack and a closing ceremony. There are many opportunities to shorten the walk via TTC access. For more information please contact jasonm@metunited.ca.

DOORS OPEN WEEKEND: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Could you help out on Doors Open Weekend, May 27 and 28, providing assistance in set-up and/or welcoming visitors to Met? Please fill out our Volunteer Availability form at bit.ly/DoorsOpenMet. Please contact Frank Cormier with any questions at frankc@metunited.ca.

NOON AT MET

A quartet from the Metropolitan Silver Band will treat us to a variety of repertoire next Thursday, May 18.



CONTINUED GIVING

Scan the QR code to be directed to our giving page. You can continue to mail in envelopes and/or cheques to the church, or arrange a pre-authorized remittance for regular giving (PAR) from your bank account, or credit card - forms at metunited.ca/donate. Please contact Elena Pejcinovska, Financial Manager at elenap@metunited.ca or 416-363-0331 ext. 229 with any questions.

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