

# WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH



## TRINITY SUNDAY | UNION SUNDAY

June 4, 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:*)  
*Those Who Love and Those Who Labour*

Guest Carillonist: Elisa Tersigni  
arranged by R. Grogan

**ORGAN PRELUDE** Kyrie-Christe-Kyrie, BWV 669-671  
from *Clavierübung III*

J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

## WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 315** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

NICAEA

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Greetings to our brothers, sisters and siblings in the faith.

**All: We come to celebrate God’s presence,**

One: and God’s love expressed through Jesus Christ.

**All: We come remembering Christ’s life and ministry**

One: and the life we are called to live.

**All: We come as a pilgrim people searching for ways to live out our faith.**

One: We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.

**All: Let us rejoice in God’s gift to us!**

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*) **870** from *Psalms 148*

*ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HOH’ SEI EHR*

Let all creation bless the Lord, till heaven with praise is ringing. Sun, moon, and stars peal out a chord, stir up the angels’ singing. Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make music day, night, cold, and heat: exalt the God who made you.

## READINGS

### **Psalm 8**

How majestic is God’s name in all the earth

**ANTHEM** *Hymn to the Trinity*

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, 1840-1893

**GOSPEL READING** **Matthew 28:16-20**

The Commissioning of the Disciples

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**LIGHTING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LANTERN**

**HYMN 242** *Let All Things Now Living*

*THE ASH GROVE*

**SERMON** **“Sent Forth in Love.”**

The Rev. Oliver Dingwell

**ANTHEM** *Set Me as a Seal*

Robin John King, b. 1961

**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**

**CELEBRATING MINISTERS THAT ARE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *For this our truest interest is, from Chandos Anthem no. 9*

G.F. Handel, 1685-1759

Charlie Davidson, tenor

## ♪FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY 236

NUN DANKET

All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given;  
The Son, and Spirit blest, who dwell in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## ♪DEDICATION OF OFFERING

## ♪COMMUNION HYMN 461 *Bread of the World*

RENDEZ À DIEU

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## ♪INVITATION

## ♪“A CITY COMMUNION PRAYER”

*From Worship in the City, by Nancy E. Hardy; sung responses by William S. Kervin*

One: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Let us pray. (*please be seated*)

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (all) *Music at VU 951*

Holy, holy, holy. Hosanna in the highest! Let all creation praise and pray, Save us, Holy God!

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (all) *Music at VU 951*

Christ has died, is risen, will come again to meet us,  
and walks with us the way of his love, Holy Kindom, come!

## GREAT AMEN (all) *Music at VU 951*

Holy, holy, holy. Amen, we pray, with longing. Let all creation cry Amen! Holy Kindom come!

## 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.

## COMMUNION

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**All: Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

*The elements are communion whole wheat wafers and organic grape juice. If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer, they are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary, or from the servers. Please follow the usher's lead and come forward by rows. If you are in the balcony, please come down and join a line. We will be taking communion by intinction, meaning you will receive a wafer, which you will then dip in the cup. If you wish to remain in your pew, a server will bring the elements to you.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Hymn 479

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need,

**All: here we have tasted your goodness and hungered for a world more just.**

One: Though afflicted by brokenness and division,

**All: here we have heard your call to be a people of healing community.**

One: Though daily we touch our limits,

**All: here we have received the fullness of your grace.**

One: Send us forth, O God,

**All: in faith, in hope, and in love.**

**Amen.**

## PRECESSIONAL HYMN 420 *Go to the World*

*SINE NOMINE*

## COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

### BLESSING *(Sung by all - please turn toward the centre)*

Izumi Shiota



May the peace of Christ be with you. May the love of God dwell deep in your heart. May the



Spi-rit en-light-en your way. May you walk in the com-fort of God's care.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE *St. Patrick's Breastplate, from Sonata Celtica* Charles Stanford, 1852-1924



Leading in worship are **The Rev. Oliver Dingwell, The Rev. Jason Meyers, The Rev. James Harbell, The Rev. Dr. Nancy Hardy, The Rev. Dr. William Kervin and Ael Spence.** Reading the lesson is **Ann Edwards.** The ministry of music is offered by Guest Carillonneur **Dr. Elisa Tersigni,** Minister of Music **Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm,** Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Joshua Duncan Lee,** and the **Metropolitan Choir.** Our sound and livestream technicians are **Nishaanth Siva** and **Alastair McDonald.** Metropolitan's livestreaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of **Wayne C. Vance.**

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

*\*Zoom links in Met Connect and at [metunited.ca](http://metunited.ca)*

### MONDAY, JUNE 5

8:00 p.m. Centring Prayer\*

### TUESDAY, JUNE 6

5:15 p.m. Taizé and Labyrinth Walk

7:00 p.m. Metropolitan Silver Band

7:00 p.m. Affirm Committee\*

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

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

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study\*

7:00 p.m. Congregational Care Committee\*

### THURSDAY, JUNE 8

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

5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee\*

7:00 p.m. Refugee Support Concert

### FRIDAY, JUNE 9

9:00 a.m. Footcare Clinic

9:30 a.m. Summer Breakfast Program

### SATURDAY, JUNE 10

8:30 a.m. Saturday Bible Study\*

## **NEXT SUNDAY: June 11 - Outdoor Service | Blessing of the Animals**

- 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. James Harbell preaching  
Readings: Genesis 1:20-26, Psalm 103:24-25, 27-28, and 30-31; Matthew 6:25-29.
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School (outside)

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **LUNCH & LEARN: TASTE AND SEE**

The Rev. Oliver Dingwell leads a Lunch & Learn downstairs in the Met Centre following service today: “Taste and See: Exploring Weekly Communion in the UCC.”

### **NEXT SUNDAY: OUTDOOR SERVICE AND THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

Join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals, followed by the BBQ next Sunday! If you are able to assist the serving team, please email Jay Wagner at [blessedlunatic@hotmail.com](mailto:blessedlunatic@hotmail.com). For those bringing a dessert, cookies, squares, cupcakes and other single serving items are best (please label your containers).

### **TAIZE SERVICE TUESDAY**

Next Tuesday, June 6 at 5:15 p.m. is our monthly Taize service and labyrinth walk in the chancel.

### **REFUGEE SUPPORT WORLD MUSIC CONCERT JUNE 7**

Join us Thursday, June 8 at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of world music in support of our Refugee Sponsorship program. The event will also feature refreshments and a guest speaker. We continue to raise funds in our life-saving mission to bring a family currently living in Pakistan under threat from the Taliban, to Canada. Visit [metunited.ca/refugee](http://metunited.ca/refugee) for more info.

### **CONSIDERING MATTHEW SHEPARD JUNE 21: A PRIDE TORONTO AFFILIATE EVENT**

The Elora Singers present the moving oratorio *Considering Matthew Shepard* by Craig Hella Johnson on Wednesday, June 21 at 8:00 p.m. Both an account of and reflection on the hatred that ended Matthew Shepard’s life, this diverse and powerful work offers hope of acceptance and inclusion in a changing world. For tickets, visit the Elora Singers site (case-sensitive link): [bit.ly/CMSatMet](http://bit.ly/CMSatMet).

### **NOON AT MET**

Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar Joshua Duncan Lee joins us in recital next Thursday, June 8.

### **CONTINUED GIVING**

Please visit [metunited.ca/donate](http://metunited.ca/donate) for info on our various options for giving. 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](http://metunited.ca/donate). Please contact Elena Pejcinovska, Financial Manager at [elenap@metunited.ca](mailto:elenap@metunited.ca) or 416-363-0331 ext. 229 with any questions.



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