

WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH



Vimy Ridge (Jim Harbell)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 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:*) *Lament and Alleluia*

Alice Gomez

HARP & ORGAN PRELUDE

Andante Allegro, from *Concerto in B flat*, op. 4 no. 6

G.F. Handel, 1685-1759

Prelude, from *Lute Suite no. 1*, BWV 996

J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

WORDS OF WELCOME

We Have to Be Candles, by William Brodrick

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 215** *Hope of the World*

DONNE SECOURS

descant by Jonathan Oldengarm

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: On this Remembrance Sunday we gather to pray

All: for a world where no one will learn war anymore.

One: On this day when the guns once fell silent,

All: we gather to pray for peace to reign in every heart, home and nation.

One: In this time of story, song, and prayer,

help us to catch a vision of how the world could live together.

All: And so, let us live the old prayers—make us servants for peace.

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) 945 (*sung three times*)

Jacques Berthier

Kyrie eleison (God, have mercy).

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

ANTHEM *In Flanders Fields*

Alexander Tilley

The Metropolitan Choir and Metropolitan Choristers, directed by Dr. Jennifer Martyn

LIGHTING A CANDLE OF PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE

♪ READING OF THE ROLLS

Reading names of Metropolitan members who have died in war.

♪ THE LAST POST

♪ SILENCE

♪ ROUSE

♪ NATIONAL ANTHEM O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!

True patriot love in all of us command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North strong and free!

From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

READING

Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37

God's steadfast love endures forever

HYMN 676 *God, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

WINSCOTT

READING

Joshua 3:3-17

Joshua leads the people across the Jordan River

One: The Word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LANTERN

SERMON *"Be strong and of good courage"*

The Rev. James Harbell

ANTHEM *Cantique de Jean Racine*

Gabriel Fauré, 1845-1924

Word, equal to the Highest, Our only Hope, Eternal day of the earth and heavens, We break the silence of the peaceful night; Divine Saviour, cast your eyes upon us! Spread over us the fire of your powerful grace, That all hell may flee at the sound of your voice; Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul, That drives us to forget your laws. O Christ, show favour to this faithful people now assembled In order to bless you now. Accept the songs they offer to your immortal glory; And may they go forth, filled with your gifts.

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 OF OUR COMMON LIFE

SPOKEN OFFERING

Patricia Wright

OFFERING OF OUR LIFE AND WORK

OFFERTORY In Paradisum, from Requiem, op. 48

Gabriel Fauré, 1845-1924

May the angels receive them in Paradise, at their coming may the martyrs receive them and bring them into the holy city, Jerusalem. There may the chorus of angels receive them, and with Lazarus, once a beggar, may they have eternal rest.

♪OFFERTORY HYMN 540

STUTT GART

Grant us, God, the grace of giving With a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living We may offer faithfully.

♪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 678** *For the Healing of the Nations*

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

♪ COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

♪ **BLESSING** *Requiem aeternam (All - please turn toward the centre)* Gregorian Mass for the Dead
Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them.

POSTLUDE *Highland Cathedral*

arr. James D. Wetherald

Rory Sinclair, piper; Jonathan Oldengarm, organist

Please hold sacred silence after the postlude. You are invited to light a candle of peace and remembrance.



Leading in worship are **The Rev. James Harbell**, **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **Amy McClelland**. Reading the lesson is **James Beatty**. The ministry of music is offered by Minister of Music **Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Joshua Duncan Lee**, the **Metropolitan Choir**, KW Symphony Principal Harpist **Lori Gemmell**, Trumpeter **Andrew Wells** and piper **Rory Sinclair**. Our sound and livestream technicians are **Paya Dehghani** and **Nishaanth Siva**. Metropolitan's livestreaming equipment was made possible thanks to the generosity of **Wayne C. Vance**.

MUSIC NOTE

This morning we are joined by Lori Gemmell, Principal Harpist of the erstwhile Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, whose recent collapse due to financial difficulties is a national cultural tragedy. The Musicians of the KW Symphony are working mightily to raise funds and awareness, so that this venerable 80-year-old Canadian institution may be reconstituted under new management. To learn more, visit savethekws.ca.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

8:00 p.m. Centring Prayer*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

12:30 p.m. Celtic Communion*

7:00 p.m. Metropolitan Silver Band

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

12:00 p.m. Zoom Bible Study*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:45 a.m. Breakfast Bible Study*

12:00 p.m. Noon at Met

4:00 p.m. Chop Chop

6:30 p.m. Stewardship

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Metropolitan Choir

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

10:30 a.m. Community Meal Program

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

8:30 a.m. Saturday Bible Study*

NEXT SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 12 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-20; Matthew 25:1-13

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

12:30 p.m. Great Heart Youth Ensemble

12:30 p.m. Sunday Lunch at the Imperial Pub

3:00 p.m. Music at Met Bach Cantatas Concert

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH IN ACTION THIS WEEK

1. Attend a Remembrance Day service in your community on November 11.
2. Consider joining or making a donation to the Royal Canadian Legion to support veterans.
3. Have a conversation with a young person about how war has impacted your life or the lives of your ancestors.

YOU'RE INVITED TO LUNCH TODAY AND NOVEMBER 19!

Lunch & Learn sessions will be offered immediately after church (in the Met Centre, and also on Zoom) both today and Nov. 19 as part of our Stewardship 2024 campaign. Today's is a primer on finances at Met, with lunch. Sources of revenue, expenses, future capital costs and program funding will all be covered. We need your advice and input on several matters and so hope as many as possible can attend. Nov. 19 will see the return of our Volunteer Fair in a new format, downstairs with coffee and treats after Worship, with brief remarks from representatives for each of our four pillars (as well as Stewardship). Come learn how to become more involved in Met!

NOON AT MET

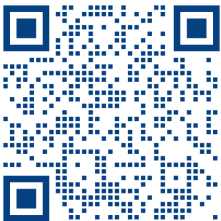
Coming up on Thursday, November 9 is a harpsichord recital from our own Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm.

SUNDAY LUNCH NEXT WEEK

Join us before the concert on Nov. 12 at the Imperial Pub at 54 Dundas Street E. We'll enjoy some fellowship, food and beverages of our choice. (Please note that we are each responsible for our own tab!)

NOVEMBER 12 CONCERT AT 3PM - BACH CANTATAS 56 & 82

Two profound reflections on life, death and eternity, in Bach's great solo bass cantatas: *Ich habe genug*, BWV 82, and *Ich will den Kreuzstab gerne tragen*, BWV 56, performed by Canadian bass-baritone Daniel Lichti, Tafelmusik principal oboist John Abberger, and a period instruments ensemble led by Jonathan Oldengarm. Tickets are available now at bit.ly/BachLichti



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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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