

# WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH

*Hope, healing and beauty in Jesus' name.*



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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

### July 6, 2025

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.” Our services are livestreamed on YouTube and on our website.  
Please be aware that you may appear on camera.

## CARILLON PRELUDE

<b>ORGAN PRELUDE</b>	<i>Passacaglia in D minor, Bux WV 161</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude, 1637-1707
	<i>Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654</i>	J.S. Bach, 1685-1750
	<i>Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, op. 122 no. 5</i>	Johannes Brahms, 1833-1897
	<i>Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, op. 236</i>	Barrie Cabena, 1933-2025

## WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ **OPENING HYMN 220** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*LOBE DEN HERREN*

## ♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

**All: We will sing to the glory of God with resounding praise.**

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"

**All: God has turned our mourning into dancing and clothed us with joy.**

One: Let all the earth worship God and sing praises to God's holy name.

**All: O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever. Come, let us worship God.**

**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*)  
Kyrie eleison. (God, have mercy.)

Jacques Berthier

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

♪ **ACT OF PRAISE (All) 342, v.4**

*LYONS*

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.

**READINGS Psalm 30 Voices United 757**

A celebration of God's deliverance. Earthly security is uncertain, but God is always faithful.

**2 Kings 5:1-15a**

One: This is the witness of God's Holy Word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

♪ **HYMN 273** *The King of Love My Shepherd is*

*ST COLUMBA*

**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 favor 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.  
- Jean Racine, 1639-1699

**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** *(To make a donation, you can use the envelopes in the pews or scan the QR code to the right with your phone.)*



**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.

FOREST GREEN

**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.

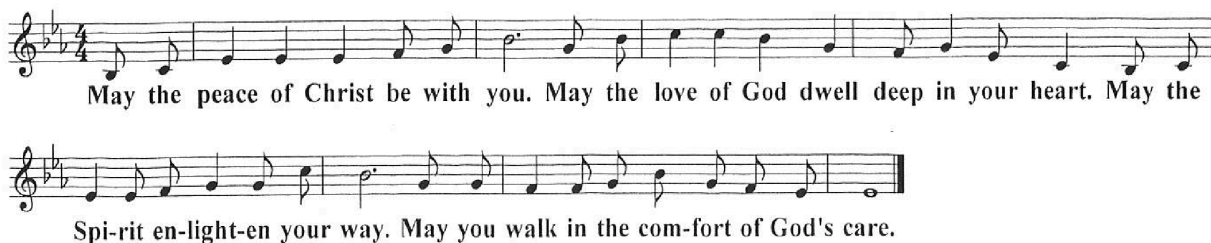
♫ **CLOSING HYMN 418** *Go Forth for God*

OLD 124TH

### ♫ COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

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

Izumi Shiota



♫ **ORGAN POSTLUDE** *Fugue in E Flat, BWV 552/2*

J.S. Bach



Leading in worship is **The Rev. Mark Aitchison**. The ministry of music is offered by Wayne C. Vance Carillonist **Dr. Elisa Tersigni**, Minister of Music **Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm** and Met Choir section leads **Noelle Slaney, Michelle Simmons, Alexander Cappellazzo**, and **Matheus Coelho**. The musical leadership of the quartet during the summer is made possible by the financial support of **Wayne C. Vance**. Members of our Care Staff are **Siva Selva** and **Gerold Mayer**. 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 reprinted with permission under One Licence #707-069. All rights reserved.

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