

# WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH

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



Lake Superior, Batchawana Bay - Photo by Rev. Meyers

## THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

**August 3, 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** Organ Concerto No. 1, BWV 592      Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750  
arr. Albert Gerken

**ORGAN PRELUDE**      Allein Gott in der Höh sei Ehr, BWV 662 & 664      J.S. Bach

## WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ **OPENING HYMN 669** Jesus, Lover of My Soul      ABERYSTWYTH

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Powers of the world distract with half-truths about what brings meaning.

**All: Here, we set our minds on Christ, who is the truth, the life and the way.**

One: Powers of the world control through striving in the guise of purpose.

**All: Here, we set our hearts on Christ, who offers rest for the weary soul.**

One: Powers of the world say there is nothing new under the sun.

**All: Here, we set our spirits on Christ, who is a new creation in 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) 945** (*sung three times*)      Jacques Berthier  
Kyrie eleison. (God, have mercy.)

## 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.

**READING**      **Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

“Everything is meaningless!”

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      ***“The Meaning of Life”***

The Rev. Jason Meyers

**ANTHEM** *Give Almes of Thy Goods*

Christopher Tye, c1500-1572

**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**

FOREST GREEN

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.

♪**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 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 *Prince of Denmark's March*

Jeremiah Clarke, 1674-1707



Leading in worship is **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. The ministry of music is offered by guest carillonneur **Gordon Slater**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholar **Ethan Duan**, and Met Choir section leads and guest **Kirsten Fielding, Valeria Kondrashov, Ian Speck, and Parker Clements**. The musical leadership of the quartet during the summer months 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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