

WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH

Hope, healing and beauty in Jesus' name.



Met Bass lead, Martin Gomes, in a World Cup art installation in David Crombie Park. "We're passing the football to everyone"

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9th, 2026

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 Wendat Nation, 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, so please be aware that you may appear on camera. There is no Sunday School today, so children are encouraged to stay and enjoy the service.

CARILLON PRELUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE *Te Deum Laudamus*

Guillaume-Gabriel Nivers, c1632-1714

WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ **OPENING HYMN 235** ○ *Worship the King*

HANOVER

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: Beloveds... as we gather today, what are you seeking?

All: We seek God.

One: If God’s presence is always with us, what are you seeking?

**All: We seek God in the faces of family and friends,
neighbours and strangers.**

One: If God is in the face of others, what are you seeking?

All: We seek God in the work of justice and joy for all of creation.

One: God 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

William S. Kervin

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

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Joseph sold by his brothers

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **“Team Jesus”**

The Rev. Jason Meyers

ANTHEM *Prayer to Jesus*

George Oldroyd, 1886-1956

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 333** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

♪ 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

François Couperin, 1668-1733

Plein-chant des Premiers et Derniers Kyries, from Messe pour les paroisses



Leading in worship is **The Rev. Jason Meyers**. The ministry of music is offered by Wayne C. Vance Carillionist **Dr. Elisa Tersigni**, organist **Christopher Dawes**, and Met Choir section leads **Noelle Slaney, Valeria Kondrashov, Alexander Cappellazzo**, and **Matheus Coelho**. 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 **Mohammad Wahedi**. 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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