

WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH

Hope, Healing and Beauty in Jesus' name



SEASON OF CREATION | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 4, 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. If you have children with you, there is Sunday School and a quiet play area at the back of the sanctuary.

Elements of today’s service are used with permission from the Colombian Methodist Church’s Word and Table worship resource for this Sunday.

CARILLON PRELUDE

ORGAN PRELUDE	Élévation (Tierce en Taille)	François Couperin, 1668-1733
	Adoration	Florence B. Price, 1887-1953
	Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele	Johannes Brahms, 1833-1897

~ *We are gathered in Christ* ~

WORDS OF WELCOME

♪ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 389** *God is Here*

BLAENWERN

♪ INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: We come from many journeys, yet grace gathers us.

All: We are part of one vineyard, sustained by God’s love.

One: God has entrusted us with land, life, community, and gifts.

All: We do not own grace; we are its stewards.

One: Let us open our hearts to the Word, the table, and the Spirit.

All: Come, Holy Spirit; make us a people who bear fruit for life.

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 (*sung twice*)

William S. Kervin

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy.*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

♪ **ACT OF PRAISE (All) 870** from Psalm 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.

~ *We encounter the Word* ~

READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

The song of the vineyard

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-46

The parable of the vineyard owner's son

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

All: Thanks be to God.

♪ **HYMN 472** O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

MARTYRDOM

During the hymn children are invited to meet Ael at the front to go down to Sunday School.

REFLECTIONS ON COMMUNION

The Rev. Luis Andrés Caicedo Guayara, Bishop in the Colombian Methodist Church

The Rev. Jason Meyers

ANTHEM *Esto les digo*

Kinley Lange, b. 1950

Where two or three are gathered in My name, there will I be also. - Matthew 18:19-20

~ *We respond with love* ~

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 ANTHEM *Let the People Praise Thee, O God*
1934-1992

William Mathias,

DOXOLOGY 541

OLD 100TH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One. Amen.

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

~ We come to the Table ~

INVITATION

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*)

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*All*) **More Voices 203**

William S. Kervin

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always.

REMEMBRANCE AND EPICLESIS

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (*All*) **More Voices 204**

William S. Kervin

Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again! (*twice*)

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

GREAT AMEN (All) More Voices 205

William S. Kervin

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen! (*twice*)

DISTRIBUTION

The elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice. Please follow the usher's lead and come to the rails in the front row to kneel (or stand) to receive communion. Please wait for the ministers' invitation to take the bread and cup. If you wish to remain in your pew, a server will bring the elements to you.

After taking the elements, if you would like a blessing and anointing with oil on your hand or forehead, there are stations at the end of rows.

COMMUNION MOTET O sacrum convivium

Stephanie Martin, b. 1962

O sacred banquet in which Christ is consumed and the memory of his passion renewed. The mind is filled with grace and future glory, and a pledge to us is given. Amen. -St. Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

~ We are sent to offer hope, healing and beauty in Jesus' name ~

RECESSIONAL HYMN 509 I, The Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM, LORD

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 Fanfare

John Cook, 1918-1984



Leading in worship are **The Rev. Bishop Luis Andrés Caicedo Guayara**, **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **The Rev. Alan Hall**. Reading the lesson is **Timothy Maness**. The ministry of music is offered by Wayne C. Vance. Carillonneur **Dr. Elisa Tersigni**, Minister of Music **Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholars **Ethan Duan** and **Edward Xu**, and the **Metropolitan Choir**. Members of our Care Staff are **Siva Selva** and **Krissy Borsa**. 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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

8:00 p.m. Centring Prayer*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

12:00 p.m. Celtic Communion

7:00 p.m. Metropolitan Silver Band

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

12:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study*

6:00 p.m. What Are You Looking For?*

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study*

10:45 a.m. Rimbala*

12:00 p.m. Noon at Met - Peter Nikiforuk

1:00 p.m. Knitting Group*

5:00 p.m. Wild Church

6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Metropolitan Choir

NEXT SUNDAY: October 11 - Thanksgiving Sunday

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*

11:15 a.m. Sunday School

12:30 p.m. New Members Class*

12:30 p.m. Choristers

COMMUNITY NEWS

TODAY: SUNDAY LUNCH

All are welcome to our monthly pub lunch at McVeigh's one block South on Church St. We are all responsible for our own tabs, but should cost be a factor in your participation, please speak with Rev. Jason.

FIRE DRILL

As part of Met's care for the health and safety of all, there will be a fire drill during worship on one of the upcoming Sundays before the weather turns cold.

WILD CHURCH ON OCTOBER 8

Our next nature based worship service will take place on Oct 8th at 5pm in Toronto's Music Garden at the Harbourfront.

JOIN MET AS A MEMBER - CLASS NEXT SUNDAY

Are you interested in taking the next step on your spiritual journey and deepening into the life of our community? We will be hosting the next New Members Class after worship on October 11, with a make-up class offered at 5:30pm on October 14th for those not able to attend on the 11th. There is a sign-up sheet at the information table at the back of the sanctuary.

NICK HIGGS IN CONCERT ON OCTOBER 25

At 3:00 p.m. our former baritone section lead baritone Nick Higgs (@nickhiggsthesinger) sings music that brings together the storytelling of musical theatre, the timeless beauty of hymns and sacred music, and the warmth of beloved folk songs. A varied and heartfelt program celebrating great melodies, meaningful words, and the power of the human voice. Tickets \$25/20, available through RCM Tickets and at the door. Box office phone 416.408.0208, or <https://www.rcmusic.com/concert/music-at-met-presents-nick-higgs-baritone-473601> Livestreaming option is also available for \$15 at this link: <https://square.link/u/HnWzhjiA>

SIGN UP FOR THE MET CONNECT EMAIL

Are you signed up for Met Connect? Every Friday the Met Connect email update lands in your inbox with important news from the Met community. If you haven't signed up, please visit our website at metunited.ca or email communications@metunited.ca.

SIGN UP FOR THE MUSIC AT MET NEWSLETTER

If you love the quality of music programming that Metropolitan provides to the community, sign up for the newsletter and share it with an arts-loving friend or two! We've got a good thing going on at Met and want to spread the news far and wide! Sign up for the newsletter metunited.org/pages/music-at-met-newsletter

UPCOMING SERVICES

- October 11th - Thanksgiving Sunday
- October 18th - Social Justice Sunday - Matthew Legge preaching
- October 25th - Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship Sunday - John Bell preaching
- November 1st - Anniversary Sunday
- November 8th - Remembrance Sunday
- November 15th - Tow Sunday - 2026 Tow Scholarship winner Sungmin Park preaching
- November 22nd - Reign of Christ | Stewardship Sunday - special Benjamin Britten musical piece, Dr. David Harrison preaching
- November 29th - First Sunday in Advent

CONTINUED GIVING

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