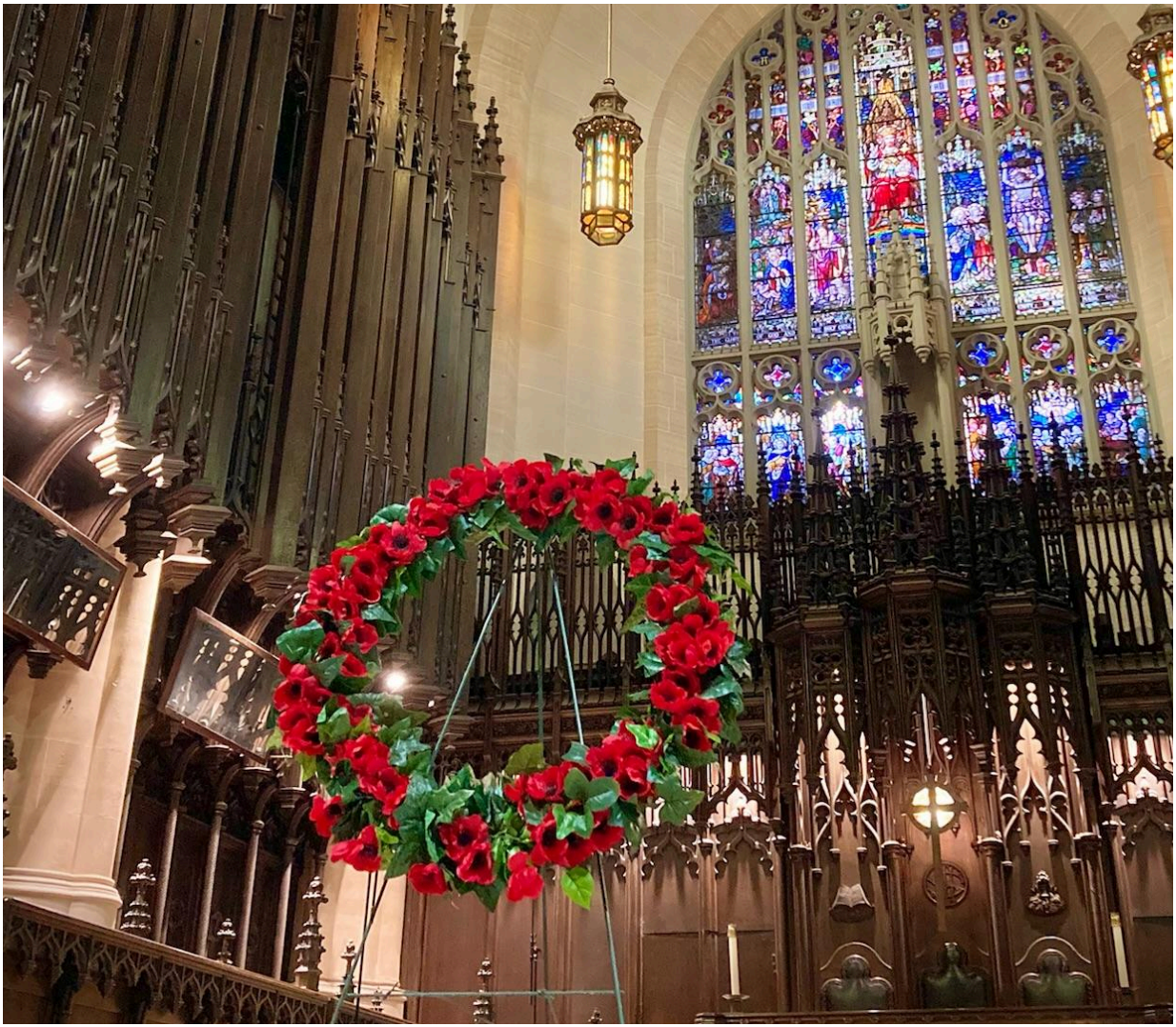
WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH

Hope, Healing and Beauty in Jesus' name



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November 8, 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. Please turn all devices off or to silent mode.

CARILLON PRELUDE (*ending with:*) George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759
The Peace, from Music for the Royal Fireworks

ORGAN PRELUDE *Solemn Melody* Henry Walford Davies, 1869-1941
Elegy George Thalben-Ball, 1896-1987

~ We are gathered in Christ ~

WORDS OF WELCOME

♪PROCESSIONAL HYMN 255 *The Living God be Praised* *LEONI*

♪INVITATION TO WORSHIP

One: God of all times and places, we gather to worship you.
All: We turn our eyes to you and rejoice in your presence.
One: God of all life and love, we gather to sing your praise.
All: We turn our eyes to you and marvel at your power and your promise.
One: God of all wisdom and wonder, we gather to learn from your Son.
All: We turn our eyes toward Christ and wait for your Word to lead 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*) ***More Voices* 69** (*sung twice*) William S. Kervin
Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy.*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

INTROIT *What Does the Lord Require (Voices United 701)* *MOON*
Sung by the Metropolitan Choristers and trebles of the Metropolitan Choir.

♪THE EMPTY PEW

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.

~ We encounter the Word ~

READING **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**
Joshua calls Israel to serve God

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:1-13**
Wise and foolish bridesmaids

One: This is the witness of the good news of Jesus Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

♪HYMN 527 *God! As With Silent Hearts* *ST AGNES*

SERMON ***"Remembering God"*** The Rev. Jason Meyers

ANTHEM *Faith in Peace* Mark Sirett

~ 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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT *Jean Bauer and Tim Maness*

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

♪DOXOLOGY 541 *OLD 100TH*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heav'nly hosts:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

♪DEDICATION OF OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

♪INVITATION

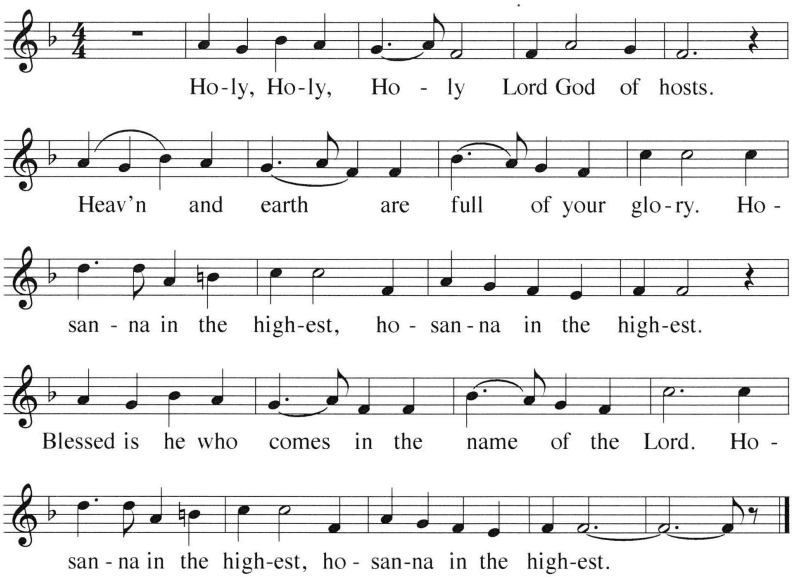
♪GREAT THANKSGIVING

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)*

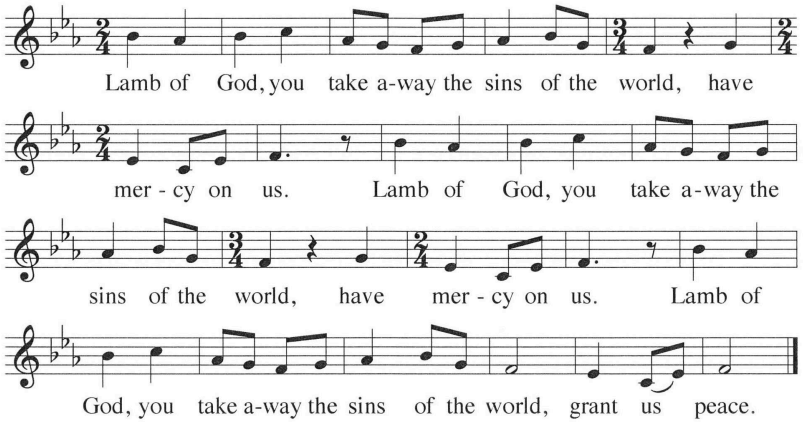
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Based on a translation of the prayer of Hippolytus of Rome (c. 215), the earliest known text of a eucharistic prayer.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT (*sung by all*) *Community Mass,* Richard Proulx



AGNUS DEI (*sung by all*) *Community Mass,* Richard Proulx



DISTRIBUTION

The elements are communion wafers and grape juice. If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer, they are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary, or from the servers. Please follow the usher's lead and come forward by rows. We will be taking communion by ***intinction****, meaning you will receive a wafer, which you will then dip in the 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.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

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

♪RECESSIONAL HYMN 806 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* *ST ANNE*

♪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.

POSTLUDE *Highland Cathedral* arr. James D. Wetherald
Rory Sinclair, piper; Jonathan Oldengarm, organist

Please hold sacred silence after the postlude.

Leading in worship are **The Rev. Jason Meyers** and **The Rev. Warren McDougall.** Reading the lesson is **James Beatty**. The ministry of music is offered by Wayne C. Vance Carillonist **Dr. Elisa Tersigni**, Minister of Music **Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm**, Wayne C. Vance Organ Scholars **Ethan Duan** and **Edward Xu**, the **Metropolitan Choir,** the **Metropolitan Choristers** (conducted by **Camille Labonté**), piper **Rory Sinclair**, and bugler **Fanchea Hayman-Wells**. 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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
8:00 p.m. Centring Prayer*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
12:30 p.m. Celtic Communion*
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
7:00 p.m. Metropolitan Silver Band

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
12:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study*

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

8:45 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study*
10:45 a.m. Rimbala*
12:00 p.m. Noon at Met* - Jonathan Oldengarm
1:00 p.m. Knitting Group*
4:00 p.m. Wild Church
6:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Metropolitan Choir

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

10:30 a.m. Community Meal Program

NEXT SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 15 - Tow Sunday

10:00 a.m. Library Open (re-opens 12:15 p.m.)
10:30 a.m. Nursery
11:00 a.m. Worship - 2026 Tow Scholarship winner Sungmin Park preaching*
11:15 a.m. Sunday School
12:30 p.m. Tow Scholarship Lunch and Learn*
12:30 p.m. Choristers

COMMUNITY NEWS

NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH

During November, we invite you to consider how your gifts of money (treasure), time, and talent are vital in sustaining Metropolitan's life of worship, music, faith formation, and outreach. Stewardship packages which describe how these gifts make a difference are available for pick up at the back of the church today. We thank you for your generous support of Met.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd

There will be a congregational meeting held after the worship service on Sunday, November 22nd to consider a proposed Constitution and By-Laws for Metropolitan United Church. All are welcome to attend. All full members of Met have a vote and will be asked to extend voting rights to adherents. For more information, please contact Met's Executive Director, David Harrison, at davidh@metunited.ca or (416) 363-0331 x222.

NOON AT MET CONTINUES THIS THURSDAY

Jonathan Oldergarm will play La famille Couperin's greatest hits on Met's replica 18th-century French harpsichord.

CONTINUED GIVING

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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