

## OUR VISION

### **Becoming the Body of Christ at the corner of Bloor & Avenue Road and beyond**

Guided by commitment to our shared values, we seek to become the body of Christ, nurturing a lively faith, a persistent hope, and an ever-expanding love for God's world.

We seek to – open our doors and hearts, embracing all who seek a sacred space. We offer worship in many forms, touching the hearts of those yearning for spiritual connection, in-person or online.

We seek to – listen deeply, hearing the stories of Jesus and of one another with open minds and hearts. Through faithful questioning, reflection, and shared learning, we grow together in wisdom and grace.

We seek to – serve with generous hospitality, gathering at the table with our physical and spiritual hunger. We walk alongside one another with compassion in the seasons and conditions of life, sharing our needs and thanks.

We seek to – embody Jesus' teachings that all people are God's children, worthy of love, and that all of creation is interconnected. Where structures or attitudes threaten or diminish, we advocate for justice, peace, equity and ecological responsibility.

We seek to – reach out in-person and virtually to the world around us. We dare to love in word and action so that others see something of God in their midst.

### **Our Values**

**Compassion:** meeting every soul with tenderness and dignity

**Openness:** welcoming questions, embracing differences, and following the movement of the Spirit

**Respect:** honouring each person's unique story and gifts, and the inherent worth of all Creation

**Inclusion:** making room for all to enter, find a place, and participate fully

**Stewardship:** nurturing respect for our resources and partnerships for long-term vitality



*Christ has no body now but ours, no hands, no feet on earth but ours.*

*Ours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world.*

*Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good,*

*Ours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.*

Teresa of Avila (Adapted)