

Bayview United Church

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As a diverse and inclusive Christian community, our mission is to empower individuals to connect with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit and equip them to live their faith in just and compassionate ways that will help transform themselves, their neighbourhood and the world.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, January 29th, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

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| Prelude | Soliloquy | Healey Willan |
| Welcome & Announcements | | C. MacLean |
| Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action #2 & 3 | | I. Kagawa |
| Musical Interlude | | |

Call to Worship

One: God calls us to listen for our inner voice.

All: God calls us to seek the truth.

One: God calls us to follow our heart.

All: God calls us to dream new dreams.

One: God calls us to new adventures.

All: God calls us to love and service.

One: God calls us to be Christ's disciples.

All: May we hear God's call and follow.

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*Processional Hymn (562) "Jesus Calls Us"
(Young people leave for classes & return for Communion.)

Opening Prayer (unison)

Irresistible God, thank You for calling each one of us. We are here because we have heard Your call and been touched by Your Spirit. Inspire, lead and equip us to follow You in new opportunities and new paths of service. Like the first fisher disciples, may we willingly use our gifts to change people's lives and our world. Speak to us, O God, and renew our "yes," in Christ's name. Amen.

*Hymn (MV 154) "Deep in Our Hearts" (vs. 1 & 4)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Loving God, we seek Your wisdom and direction in our lives. In times when we are absorbed in our own business, help us to open our hearts to those around us who are in need of Your care and guidance. Give us eyes that look beyond our needs. Create a spirit of unity and support as we live each day. Guide and nurture us with Your hope and encourage us to be Your light each day. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: The good news is that there is no divide God cannot cross and no separation God cannot bridge.

All: God's care reaches out to us as we seek to embrace a spirit of love and compassion.

One: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Reading Isaiah 9:2-4

(The people have seen a great light.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:12-23

(Jesus begins his ministry.)

Anthem "Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees"
William Lawrence

Sermon "Expanding Ministry" Rev. Cooper

Responding to God

Offering Fantasy Bossa Christopher Norton

* **Dedication (544)** 'In Gratitude and Humble Trust'

Tune: 530 -

**In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve Your cause and share Your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave Yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, Your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

***Prayer**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

***Hymn (468)** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God is with us.

All: We are not alone.

One: Christ is present.

All: The Spirit is among us.

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Ever-present God, we pause to remember Your gifts from the beginning of time.

All: They began with creation when Your Spirit brooded over the chaos, and Your word brought light and life to the earth.

One: Your gifts continued as You made humanity in Your image, co-creators and partners with You in all creation. Then You gifted us with Jesus, the full expression of Your love in human form.

All: Jesus befriended the stranger, healed the sick, stood up for the oppressed, and gave His life in service to others. With a love stronger than death, Jesus opened wide His arms, surrendered His body, and passed His Spirit on to us.

One: Throughout the ages, Your Spirit has stirred and beckoned, nudged and challenged, and anointed Your people for witness and service. Send now Your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. May they be for us the remembering of the Holy One's love, grace, call and purpose.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Please wait until all have been served before you eat & drink.)

Post-Communion Prayer (together)

Life-giving God, may we who share Christ's body, be Your bread of blessing; we who drink His cup, bring new life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Wrap us in Your Holy Presence and lead us out into the world, remembering that we are Your people and celebrating Your life within us. Amen.

***Hymn (509)** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (298)** "When You Walk from Here" (repeat)
**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy
and with God's humble care. (repeat)**

Postlude "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
arr. Philip Keveren

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Sunday, January 29, 2017

Head Usher: M. Kaneko

Ushers: D. & M. Pelton

J. & M. Sakamoto

Scripture Reader: B. Kai

Welcome to worship at Bayview United Church. If you are visiting or here for the first time, please sign the guest book located at the main entrance to the sanctuary. Everyone is invited for light refreshments following the service at a cost of \$2.00 per person; children are free. The money raised will go to support the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada. **Please remember we are a nut-free building.**

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those who are in need of hope, comfort and healing.

This morning's flowers are placed by the **Liddle family**. The ninth year remembrance of dear mother, grandmother, **Kikue (Kay) Yamashita**.

Memorial flowers are presented by **L. Nagano and family** upon the passing of **Tosh**, dear husband, father and grandfather.

If you care to donate flowers for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoriam or for a special occasion, please contact **K. Oiy**e by Wednesday prior to a service.

Please feel free to contact Rev. Cooper anytime, at 416-447-5941 (church office). Thank you.

Audio CD of the Service: We are able to make an audio copy of the service. If you would like a copy, please speak to B. Kai or A. MacLean.

Hearing Assistance Devices: If you are having trouble hearing the service, we have hearing assistance devices. If you would like to try one, please speak to A. MacLean.

Welcomers: Would those individuals who agreed to be welcomers please sign the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board. Please wear the special Welcomer nametag. Thank you

Today, Sun. Jan. 29th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service with the celebration of Holy Communion.

Sun. Feb. 5th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service with ministry team presentations.

1:00 p.m. - Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Wed. Feb. 8th – 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Sat. Feb. 11th - 9:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Women's Fellowship Circle Annual Daybreak at Momiji. Cost is \$10.00 payable to R. Shikaze. Please contact her if you can help with the food preparation. Thank you!

Come and learn about yourself and others, focusing on the **Enneagram**, a way of better understanding ourselves. It has ancient roots, some going back thousands of years. The Enneagram exists now as a combination of ancient traditions and modern psychology. It distills the many varieties of human personality into nine easy-to-understand types. Through discussion and laughter, you'll recognize yourself and others, and you will gain a deeper understanding of the motivations behind your behaviour in a variety of situations.

Our presenter, **D. Naylor**, who is the sister of J. Cermak, is a retired United Church minister now living in Ottawa, with extensive knowledge of the Enneagram. She is an engaging speaker who has lectured and presented Enneagram workshops to many faith groups. Come out and find out more about you!

Sun. Feb. 12th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Wed. Feb 15th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Feb. 19th -11:00 a.m. – Black History Worship Service
followed by a pancake lunch provided by the men of the church. Cost \$6.00. Children are free.

Feb. 19th- 1:00 p.m. - The Sharing Table - Suitable items to share with the congregation are items that relate to February and Valentines, such as candies, chocolates, red things or anything of your choosing. Everyone is welcome to participate, mingle and have fun choosing a free item to take home.

Thurs. Feb. 23rd – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Feb. 26th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service remembering Ash Wednesday.
1:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall.

Annual Reports for 2016 are due on **Jan. 31st**. Please send reports to the church office at office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca. The Annual meeting will be held on **Sun. Feb. 26, 2017**.

Learning a craft: Would you like to learn or share a craft skill? For knitting and crochet, talk to B. Marshall. For other interests, speak to L. Fusé.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a friend or even yourself. Please call B. Marshall.

Food Bank: On the first and third Sundays of each month, you are invited to bring non-perishable food for the Lansing Food Bank. They especially need items for infants, non-beef soup and canned black beans. Thank you for your support.

Eyeglass Project: The Community and Global Team are supporting the Lions Club Sight Program. By recycling old or no longer used eyeglasses and sunglasses, we will be supporting teams of doctors running volunteer eye clinics in many countries. They do not use the cases. **Please leave the glasses in the box at the entrance to the narthex.**

STAMPS: We are collecting used postage stamps for The Leprosy Mission Canada, who sell them to dealers to raise money for medicine, care and rehabilitation for people suffering from leprosy. They prefer that the stamps be cut from the envelopes, leaving about a ¼ inch paper border. The stamps can be left in the **STAMP BOX on the table at the entrance to the narthex.**

Eva's Place: All toiletries, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. are accepted weekly to help the youth at Eva's Place. Please place these items in the **Eva's Place** bin.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets downstairs every Tuesday and Thursday, at 8 p.m. For more information, call our main help line: 416-487-5591. If you have a problem with alcohol, we have the solution.

Church Cancellation Notification Procedure: In the event of bad weather conditions it may become necessary to cancel the Sunday worship service. - Here is how the decision will be made and how you will be notified: Rev. Cooper and C. MacLean (alternate K. Shikaze) will have a conversation before 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning and will decide whether or not to cancel the service that day. Those who are on the email list will be notified by 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, if in fact the service is going to be cancelled. - So, if the weather is bad, please check your email before heading off to church. Others will be notified by telephone by 8:30 a.m., or shortly thereafter.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017

Head Usher: T. Nakamichi

Ushers: K. Shikaze, J. Takahashi
P. & T. Takasaki

Scripture Reader: J. Bennett