

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.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 12th, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation" arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean

Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action #4 & 5 G. Omoto

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Love is a gift from God.

All: Love is an expression of who we are as God's people.

One: As we worship, may we not only experience God's love within us, but also God's love with one another.

All: Let us worship God with gladness and come to this place with a song.

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***Processional Hymn (820)** "Make a Joyful Noise"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Awesome God, You are the essence of what love is in our lives. Whenever You are in our thoughts we radiate Your love. Help us to always Keep You at the forefront of our lives so that everything we say and do reflects Your love. May our worship continue to build on Your love for each other. Amen.

Gospel Lesson John 13:33-35

(Jesus leaves us with a new commandment.)

***Hymn (289)** "It Only Takes a Spark" vs. 1 and 2

A Time with the Children

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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,
and the power, and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn (289) "It Only Takes a Spark" vs. 3
(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

God of compassion, we are so eager to feel Your love in our lives. Yet many of us come to You with aching hearts. Some hearts are heavy with loss and some are broken

from the love they did not receive. Help us, O God, to open our hearts and to make it easy for You and others to love us. In the name of the Prince of Love we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: God's love abounds within each of our hearts.

All: Let us seek to keep God's love alive as we walk in God's grace. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-12; 19-21
(If you love God, then love others.)

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
(What is love? Listen and God will tell us.)

Women's Anthem "Standing Before Us" by Carole Etzler
Sung by: The Women of the Church

Sermon "The Heart of Love" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (372)** "Though I May Speak"

Responding to God

Offering Passepied in D Kirnberger

*** 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**

The Prayers of the People

***Hymn (256)** "O God Beyond All Praising"

***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 Duet "The Impossible Dream" Leigh/Darien
Soloists: M. Butler and J. Brooker

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Sunday, February 12, 2017

Head Usher: T. Nakamichi

Ushers: H. Tamemoto, P. Watanabe,
T. & E. Yuan

Scripture Reader: L. Clubine-Ito

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.

Memorial flowers are from Marianne Abe's funeral service, which took place on February 8th. We hold the Abe family in our prayers as they are grieving Marianne's passing.

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.

The ladies of our "Women's Fellowship Circle" are special. "Thank you" for all you do for the church throughout the year.

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

"February is Observer Month"

Observer: Renewal time for the *United Church Observer* is fast approaching. To renew your subscription, or to begin a new subscription, please place \$25.00 in an envelope with your full name and mark it "BUC Observer" and place it in the offering tray. If you have any questions, please contact our Observer Representative, P. Kitagawa. Thank you.

Today, Sun. Feb. 12th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
12:45 p.m. – Trustees meeting in the narthex.

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.

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.

Tues. Feb. 21st - 1:00 p.m. - BUC Book Club will meet in the narthex. Free choice of subject. Everyone is welcome. For further information contact N. Emms.

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 with Ash Wednesday.

1:00 p.m. – Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall.

Sun. March 5th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent I Worship Service followed by a stew lunch sponsored by the Community and Global Ministry Team. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Children are free.

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

1:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Circle in the Fellowship Hall. R. Luginbuehl will be our guest speaker. She is a friend of K. Saito. Ruth was born in Switzerland and moved to Toronto in 2000. She is a pediatrician, trained in Switzerland, and graduated at the Toronto Art Therapy Institute in art therapy, where she teaches medical art therapy. As a textile artist she uses a variety of techniques. Ms. Luginbuehl is presenting her work about bees. In her art work she likes to use them as symbols for a peaceful and fruitful life together by supporting each other and caring for one another. Her presentation will

include some basic information about bee biology and her artistic interpretation in her artwork. Everyone is welcome.

Sun. March 12th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent II Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Healing Prayer Service in the sanctuary.

Everyone is invited to attend this reflective and meditative service. There will be an opportunity for individual prayers and laying on of hands for anyone who would like this.

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

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. 19, 2017

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: L. Fusé, K. Koyama, P. & T. Takasaki

Scripture Reader: J. Brooker