

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.

Black History Sunday

Sunday, February 19th, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Go Down Moses" arr. H. Burleigh

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action #6 & 7 G. Omoto

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: My Lord, what a morning! You have raised us to be a mighty nation and a mighty people.

All: Hallelujah!

One: My Lord what a morning! You have brought us through the ups and downs, the dips and turns, over the hills and mountains and down through the valleys.

All: Praise the Lord!

One: My Lord, what a morning! We have come to celebrate You, to affirm ourselves as images of You, and to say,

All: "My Lord, what a morning to be strong, proud, brave and Yours in every way!"

One: Yes Lord, what a morning to worship and praise You!

All: Amen!!

One: Amen!!

* **African-American Spiritual** "Do Lord, Oh, Do Lord"

Poem (unison) "I Dream a World"

I dream a world where no one
No other person will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor hoard of wealth infects our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And everyone is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all humankind-
Of such I dream, my world!

By Langston Hughes

Hebrew Scripture Leviticus 19:1-2; 9-18
(Laws of holiness and justice.)

***African-American Spiritual** "Michael Row the Boat Ashore"

A Time with the Young People
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Spiritual "Michael Row the Boat Ashore" vs.1&3
(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Open unto me, light for my darkness
Open unto me, courage for my fear
Open unto me, hope for my despair
Open unto me, peace for my turmoil
Open unto me, joy for my sorrow
Open unto me, strength for my weakness
Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion
Open unto me, forgiveness for my transgressions
Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness
Open unto me, love for my hates
Open unto me, Thy Self for myself
Lord, Lord, open unto me!

Written by Howard Thurman

Assurance of Grace

Listening For God’s Word

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 3:7-12
(God hears the cry of the enslaved and will liberate them.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:38-48
(Jesus calls us to turn the other cheek and love our enemies.)

Anthem “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Dorsey arr. Hayes

Sermon “Long Road to Freedom” Rev. Cooper

***African-American Spiritual** “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Responding to God

Offering Jazz Exercise #6 Oscar Peterson

***Dedication** “Standing In The Need of Prayer”
It’s me, it’s me, it’s me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It’s me, it’s me, it’s me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

1. Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
Not my sister, not my brother, but it’s me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
It’s me, it’s me, it’s me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It’s me, it’s me, it’s me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
(repeat verse 1 & chorus)

***Prayer**

Prayers of the People

***Recessional Spiritual** “When the Saints Go Marching In”
***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen** (sung Amen – Gospel version)
A---men! A---men! Amen, Amen, Amen.
A---men! A---men! Amen, Amen, Amen.
A---men! A---men! Amen, Amen, Amen.
A---men! A---men! Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude Juba (Dance) R. Nathaniel Dett

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Sunday, February 19, 2017

Head Usher: D. Domelle

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

Scripture Reader: J. Brooker

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 pancakes following the service at a cost of \$6.00 per person; children are free. Thank you to the Men’s Club for providing lunch today. **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.

Flowers remind us of a peaceful and grateful life. **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.

"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. 19th -11:00 a.m. – Black History Worship Service followed by a **pancake lunch** provided by the men.

Cost \$6.00. Children are free. Thank you, Men's Club!
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 call 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. Donations of Japanese food and baked goods are welcome for the Food Sales Table. All proceeds go to M&S.

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

1:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Circle in Fellowship Hall.

R. Luginbuehl will be our guest speaker. She is a friend of K. Saito. She 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. R. 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.

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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.

Sat. March 18th - 5:30 p.m. - St. Patrick's Singalong and Supper at the church featuring J. Cermak and J. Brooker at the piano. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available from R. Shikaze. Choose between corned beef & sauerkraut **OR** Irish vegetable stew. Invite a friend, wear something green and be Irish for an evening.

Sun. March 19th – Lent 3 Worship Service

1:00 p.m. – Council meeting in the narthex.

Wed. March 22nd – 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Thurs. March 23rd – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

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.

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.

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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.**

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. 26, 2017

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: H. & K. Nagata, P. Takasaki, M. Cruise

Scripture Reader: P. Widgery