

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.

Ash Wednesday Service on Sunday

Sunday, February 26th, 2017 11:00 a.m.
(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude Voluntary in F William Hine
Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean
Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action #8 & 9
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: God invites us during this Ash Wednesday service to begin the journey of self-examination.

All: We reflect on those inner thoughts that distract us from our relationship with God and one another.

One: Let us release those distractions as we move forward on the path of hope and renewal.

All: In our worship, may we listen for God's voice to help guide and nurture our lives.

One: Thanks be to God for God's steadfast love within us.

***Processional Hymn (626)** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of love, we come before You in need of healing and renewed hope. We come because we believe that You are the One who helps us to refocus our lives and renew our dreams. Open us to Your love so we may once again serve You in joy. Help us this day to glow in the fullness of Your light and love. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 58:1-12
(Seek justice when you fast.)

***Hymn (356)** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" vs.1&2

Our Lenten Project -handout: Lenten calendars-

Hymn (356) "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God" vs. 3
(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

For times when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, or when we act from motives other than love, God forgive us. When we do not feel the pain of others or ignore the needs of the helpless around us, God forgive us. On our Lenten journey, O God, remind us of Your vision as Your people. Help us to seek ways to meet the needs of others and renew our covenant of faith with You this day. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Listening for God's Word

Second Reading Joel 2:1-2; 12-17
(Repent and return to the Lord your God.)

Anthem "The Perfect Rose" John Leavitt

Reflection on Ashes Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (105)** "Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face"

Responding to God

Offering Canzona Léon Boëllmann

* **Dedication (544)** 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 Mark of the Ashes

(You are invited to come forward to receive the ashes.)

Prayer of the Ashes (together)

God our Creator, You have formed us out of the dust and soil of the earth. May these ashes be to us a sign of our life and dependence on You. Grant that the oil of Your healing love may flow through our lives bringing transformation, healing and peace. Amen.

***Hymn (766)** "As the Deer Pants for the Water" Psalm 42

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (298)** "When You Walk from Here"

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy
and with God's humble care. (repeat)**

Postlude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
arr. Phillip Keveren

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Sunday, February 26, 2017

Head Usher: D. Domelle

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

Scripture Reader: P. Widgery

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.**

Our deepest sympathies are with Kim and the Sakauye family at the passing of Tats on February 15th. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Our prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

Our deepest sympathies and prayers to the family of Tosh Kitagawa, who passed away on February 19th. A family service was held on February 25th at Trull Funeral Home.

Our deepest sympathies to K. Campbell and his family at the passing of his father, G. Campbell, on February 22nd. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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

Flowers brighten our world. They speak to us of God's creative power. **If you care to donate flowers** for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoriam or for a special

occasion, please contact **K. Oiyé** 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. 26th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service with Ash Wednesday.

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

Lenten Calendar Offering: This year our Lenten offering will go to support "Gifts With Vision" from the United Church. The projects we will be supporting: building peace among

children to overcome gang violence in El Salvador (\$20 per child); in Democratic Republic of Congo send a child to school who has faced trauma or loss of a parent (\$75, or \$110 for a teacher's salary); provide a food parcel for 6 months to a refugee in Jordan (\$150); build a well for a neighbourhood in Democratic Republic of Congo (\$100).

Please pick up your calendar today and remember to bring back your offering on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your support!

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. R. Luginbuehl 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. She 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.

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.

Sun. March 26th – 11:00 – Lent 4 Worship Service.
12:30 p.m. – Reiki Sessions in the library. If you would like to receive a hands-on Reiki healing treatment, please speak to D. Yatabe or Rev. Cooper.

Thurs. March 30th – 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.

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, Mar. 5, 2017

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: J. Bennett, R. Graham, M. Griffiths, L. Fusé

Scripture Reader: Bob Robinson