

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.

First Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 5th, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude	Adagio, Sonata Op 2 #1	Beethoven
Welcome & Announcements		K. Shikaze
Minute for Mission		D. Domelle
Musical Interlude		

Call to Worship

One: Lent calls us on a journey of spiritual renewal.

All: We come seeking the path of blessing.

One: The way is full of temptations and difficult decisions.

All: The Bible will help us discern our way.

One: Jesus is our pilgrim guide.

All: The Spirit will strengthen us.

One: We do not travel alone!

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*Hymn (374) "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Guiding and directing God, we worship You as the One Who led Jesus into the wilderness and has brought us to this season of Lent. We are grateful that the resources You gave Jesus are available to us: prayer, meditation, fasting, scripture and the Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to see life from Your perspective. Inspire our renewed commitment to follow Your gospel path. May Your loving purpose be our first priority. Amen.

Epistle Reading Acts 11:2-18

(Peter's experience changes his understanding of the Old Testament and God's will.)

*Hymn (575) "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" vs. 1, 2,3

Time with the Young People

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 (575) "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" vs. 1, 4
(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

God of the Bible, thank You for this living text that speaks from its culture to ours. Help us to value Scripture as an important guide in our lives. Forgive us for wanting You to spell everything out in black and white, rather than engaging with us to discern together. May we encounter Your Holy Word today, and may we hear You speaking words of truth and love. Amen.

***Sung Assurance (MV 154)** “Deep in Our Hearts” (vs. 1 & 4)

Listening For God’s Word

Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11
(When Jesus is tempted in the wilderness, both Jesus and the devil use Scripture.)

Anthem “Abide With Me” arr. Moses Hogan

Sermon “Bible: Believable or Not?” Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (343)** “I Love to tell the Story” vs. 1, 3

Responding to God

Offering "From Foreign Lands and People" Schumann

*** Dedication 518** “As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought”
verse 2

**A world in need now summons us
to labour, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.**

***Prayer**

Prayers of the People

***Hymn (651)** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (424)** “May the God of Hope Go with Us”
**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Postlude Adagio Cantabile, Sonata Op. 13 Beethoven

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Sunday, March 5, 2017

Head Usher: S. Hu

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

Scripture Reader: B. Robinson

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 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.

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

In honour of B. Robinson's 95th Birthday, the family would like to invite everyone to share in the celebration by joining him for cake downstairs following the service today.

The beauty of flowers enhances our lives. **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.

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 B. Kai.

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.

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!

Today, 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. **Ms. 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.

Tues. March 7th – 7:15 p.m. - M&P meeting in the narthex.

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 and D. Worth. 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.

Sun. April 2nd – 11:00 a.m. - Lent 5 Worship Service.
1:00 p.m. - Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Sun. April 9th – 11:00 a.m. - Palm Sunday, the Celebration of Holy Communion and a Holy Week Cantata presented by the choir.

Saturday, August 12, at 4:00 p.m., venue and program TBD. Reunion for youth who attended CJUC back in the 70's and 80's at 701 Dovercourt Rd. All proceeds will be donated to Bayview United Church. Everyone is welcome! Please contact K. Nakawatase.

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. 12, 2017

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: D. Fam, E. Turnbull,
M. Murakami, K. Oiye

Scripture Reader: C. MacLean