

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.

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 12th, 2017 11:00 a.m.
(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean

Truth & Reconciliation, Call to Action #10 I. Kagawa

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Like bulbs planted deep beneath the soil,

All: we are nurtured by the warmth of God's love.

One: Like children's laughter breaking through the silence,

All: so God's joy is present with us.

One: Like butterflies bursting forth from the protection of cocoons,

All: so is God's transforming love.

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One: Let us praise our God of love as we greet this morning with a song on our hearts.

***Processional Hymn (409)** "Morning Has Broken"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Sacred Spirit God, we gather to praise You for Your gift of love that brightens our world. As we look around, we marvel at the beauty and wonder in this place. Help us to open our hearts to deepen our relationship with You and one another. May the mystery of Your transforming Spirit guide our spirits as we renew our commitment to live as Your people. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 12:1-4a
(God calls Abram to follow wherever God leads.)

***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)

Holy Companion God, we are so grateful that You are present with us to guide and comfort us. We know at times we can be so focused on our own busy lives that we forget to listen to Your still, small voice and the stirring of Your Spirit. Help us, O God, to unlock our hearts and minds to commune with You in both our outer and inner lives. Amen.

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

Listening For God's Word

Scripture Reading Psalm 121
(I lift my eyes to the hills.)

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17
(Nicodemus learns God so loved the world.)

Anthem "Teach Us to Pray" Pepper Choplin

Sermon "God Is Real!" Rev. Cooper

*Hymn (264) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" vs. 1 & 4

Responding to God

Offering Sonatina, Op. 168 #1, 2nd mvt Diabelli

* Dedication 518 "As Those of Old..." 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 (260) "God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness"

***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 Sonata in A, 2nd mvt. Mendelssohn

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Sunday, March 12, 2017

Head Usher: S. Hu

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

Scripture Reader: C. MacLean

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.

The flowers this morning are presented by M. Seto in loving memory of daughter, **Katherine (Seto) Evans**, a one-year remembrance. The lovely Ikebana arrangement is by K. Oiye. **If you care to donate flowers** for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoriam or for a special occasion, please contact **K. Oiye** 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 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.

Tues. Mar. 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.

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

Sun. March 26th – 11:00 a.m. – 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.

Friday April 14th – 11:00 a.m. – Good Friday Service. Come and remember the last day of Jesus' life. Light refreshments to follow. If you can do a reading, please speak to Cindy.

Sun. April 16th – 11:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday Worship Service. Come and celebrate Jesus' resurrection! Please remember to bring your Lenten offering.

HELP RAISE THE ROOF: Our roof needs replacing. It's a very big project and we need your help to accomplish this. Our roof is 7,424 square feet, which means a lot of work and many bundles of shingles!! Each bundle of shingles costs about **\$50** and this does not include the cost of labour to install them.

Please help by purchasing one or more bundles of shingles. Use the specially marked **ROOF FUND** envelope for your donation and place in the offering plate. Be sure to include your name and contact information as all donors will receive: a tax receipt, name on the donation plaque created for us by K. Koyama and a very special BUC pen/flashlight. For more information, please see the display in the narthex or speak to L. Fujita. Thank you! Any and all support is greatly appreciated.

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.

Sunday, Mar. 19, 2017

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: G. Omoto, K. Saito

Scripture Reader: E. Scott