

# 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.*

## Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 11:00 a.m.  

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(\*congregation stands as able)

### Praising God

**Prelude** "Take the Name of Jesus with You" arr. C. Berry  
**Welcome & Announcements** K. Shikaze  
**Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action #11 & 12** K. Shikaze  
**Musical Interlude**

#### Call to Worship

One: Like the woman at the well,

**All: we long for Living Water.**

One: Like the woman at the well,

**All: we seek to be set free.**

One: Like the woman at the well,

**All: we open ourselves to receive God's healing love.**

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\***Processional Hymn (222)** "Come, Let Us Sing"

#### Opening Prayer (unison)

Life-Giving God, You provide for our every need, yet we thirst for so much more. In this time of worship, fill our emptiness with Your Spirit. Fill our longing with Your comforting Presence. Fill our thirsty souls with Your "Living Water." Amen.

**Hebrew Reading** Exodus 17:1-7

(God provides water from a rock for the people.)

\***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)

Gracious God, it is easy to have faith when things are going well. But sometimes the well of faith goes dry and our energy is drained by difficult situations or difficult

decisions. Sometimes our disappointments feel unbearable and we freeze at critical moments, unable to say or do anything. Help us remember that You helped Moses find water in a rock and that Jesus drank from the cup of a Samaritan woman. May we know that even in the hardest of times, You are with us to guide and nurture our hearts and minds so that we may be filled with Your living water of care and love. Amen.

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

### **Listening for God’s Word**

**Gospel Lesson** John 4:5-30; 39-42  
(Jesus meets with the Samaritan woman at the well.)

**Anthem** “At the River” arr. Michael Larkin

**Sermon** “Liberating Love” Rev. Cooper

**\*Hymn (606)** “In Christ There Is No East or West” vs. 1 & 2

### **Responding to God**

**Offering** Sarabande from Suite #4 Purcell

**\* 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**

**Solo** “On Eagle’s Wings” Psalm 91  
Soloist: L. Lazar

**Refrain:**

**And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn (626)** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

**\*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** Nocturne in E Minor, Op. posth. 72 #1 Chopin  
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**Sunday, March 19, 2017**

**Head Usher: B. Jackson**

**Ushers: G. Omoto, K. Saito, S. Hu, E. Turnbull**

**Scripture Reader: E. Scott**

**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 **R. & K. Shikaze** in celebration of **A. Murakami's 100th birthday**.

**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.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> – Lent 3 Worship Service**  
**1:00 p.m. – Council meeting** in the narthex.

**Tues. March 21<sup>st</sup> - 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 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting** in the narthex.

**Sun. March 26<sup>th</sup> – 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. There is one space left.

**Sun. March 26<sup>th</sup> - Fire Warden refresher training with T. Maikawa** - immediately after the service in the sanctuary. Would all Fire Wardens please get your lunch and come back to the sanctuary for a brief refresher including (weather permitting) practicing with the fire extinguishers. If you are unable to attend, please speak to T. Maikawa prior to March 26th to arrange alternate training.

**Sun. March 26<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 – 4:15 p.m. – South West Presbytery Workshop** at Westway United Church at 8 Templar Drive, Etobicoke. Join our four-person panel: **K. Forgrave**, parent of a faith-filled 8-year old, public school teacher and Sunday school coordinator at St. James United Church has kids 4-18 years excited about coming to church. What's her secret? **L. and P. La Fraugh** are a mother and teenager daughter passionately engaged at Westway and in the wider United Church of Canada. What influenced the family, and is there a difference between Christian parenting and parenting as a Christian? **B. Pengelly** has been doing Youth Ministry for over 20 years, has an M. Div. in Counseling from Tyndale Seminary, a diploma in Child and Youth Work from Humber College and is youth ministry lead at North Bramalea United.

Discover best practices to maximize the chances young people continue in their faith. Free admission and open to all courtesy of South West Presbytery.

**Thurs. March 30<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji.**  
Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Sun. April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11:00 a.m. - Lent 5 Worship Service.**

**Sun. April 2<sup>nd</sup> - the Toronto Fire Marshall** has made it clear to us that we must educate the entire congregation on fire safety. Therefore, **T. Maikawa** will do a brief presentation immediately after the service in the sanctuary. This will not be a long presentation and is very important information for your safety.

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

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

**Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> – 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 Cooper.

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

**Easter Monday. April 17 @ 7:30 p.m. –** B. Richardson's Chorisma Choir presents "The Song Lives On" with excerpts from the Easter Cantata "Once Upon a Tree" at Thornhill United Church, 25 Elgin Street (at Dudley). Guest violinist is Rev. Sebastion Meadows-Hilmer. Freewill offering.

**Wed. April 19<sup>th</sup> – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service** at the Donway. Everyone is welcome.

**Sun. April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service**  
**1:00 p.m. – Council meeting** in the narthex.

**Thurs. April 27<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji.**  
Everyone is welcome to attend.

**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 70s and 80s 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.

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**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. 26, 2017**

**Head Usher: B. Jackson**

**Ushers: K. Shikaze, J Takahashi, L. Fuse**

**Scripture Reader: R. Bloor, C. Watanabe**