

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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 26th, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "We Gather Together" arr. P. Keveren
Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean
Truth & Reconciliation, Call to Action #13,14 D. Domelle
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: God invites us to see the world through new eyes.

All: We are ready to embrace God's vision.

One: God leads us to wellsprings of new life.

All: May we open our eyes and see God's love in the people and events around us.

*Processional Hymn (313) "God, Whose Almighty Word"

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of Hope and Promise, we come before You as people who long for light in our darkness and meaning in our confusion. Give us both sight and insight to see the world from Your perspective. Expand our vision and touch us with Your Truth, that we may embrace life in all its fullness. Amen.

Hebrew Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13 C. Watanabe
(David is selected to be king.)

*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)

Visionary God, open our faith to see: to see ourselves as we are and could be; to see others as You see them, with grace and compassion. Help us to see possibilities instead of problems. Open our eyes to visions of what we

can accomplish together. Lead us, free us, change us for our own good and for Your service. Amen.

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

Listening for God's Word

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-41 R. Bloor
(Jesus heals a man born blind while others turn a blind eye to this miracle.)

Solo "I Will Sing New Songs" Dvořák
L. Lazar, soprano

Sermon "Beyond Our Differences" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (371)** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" vs. 1 & 3

Responding to God

Offering "Wachet auf" Walther

* **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

***Recessional Hymn (642)** "Be Thou My Vision"

***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 Eb Major, Op. 9 #2 Chopin

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Sunday, Mar. 26, 2017

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: K. Shikaze, J. Takahashi, L. Fusé

Scripture Reader: R. Bloor, C. Watanabe

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.

After a long winter season - spring is here!

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 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. There is one space left.

Sun. March 26th - 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 26th - 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 **Sun.**

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.

Sun. April 2nd - 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 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 Rev. Cooper.

Sun. April 16th – 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. S. Meadows-Hilmer. Freewill offering.

Wed. April 19th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome.

7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Sun. April 23rd – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

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

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

Sun. April 30th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

1:00 p.m. – Hospitality and Care meeting in the Sunday School room.

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.

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.

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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, Apr. 2, 2017

Head Usher: M. Kaneko

Ushers: D. Fam, B. & D. Rivait,
H. Tamemoto

Scripture Reader: D. Rivait