

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.

Palm Sunday Celebration of Holy Communion Cantata

Sunday, April 9th, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude Voluntary in B-flat Maurice Greene

Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean

Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action #17, 18 I. Kagawa

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Let us dance and sing and shout for joy,

All: As we wave our palm branches in celebration.

One: Jesus told His disciples to go ahead of Him and to find a donkey for Him to ride as He entered Jerusalem.

All: But the disciples were worried about how the crowd would react to Jesus' arrival.

One: They need not have worried, for the crowds excitedly welcomed and praised Jesus for coming. They shouted,

All: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

One: Jesus sought peace not war, justice not anarchy. Let us join with the crowds as we sing and greet Jesus.

***Processional Song "We Have a King" (sing through twice)**

1. We have a King who rides a donkey, (sing 3 times)
and his name is Jesus.

2. Trees are waving a royal welcome, (sing 3 times)
for the King called Jesus.

3. We have a King who cares for people, (sing 3 times)
and his name is Jesus.

(Let us wave our palm branches in celebration.)

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:1-11
(The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.)

Opening Prayer (unison)

God Who embraces all of us, You know how faithful or fickle we are. You know how quickly we can change our minds. Jesus heard cheers turn to jeers, and shouts of hosanna turn to cries of "crucify him." Yet, He remained true to Himself and to Your greater purpose. Grant us faith that is full and fearless and free to follow wherever You lead. Let us eat the bread of solidarity and drink the cup of courage. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation to the Table

***Hymn (130) "An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"**
(tune: 437)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift our hearts in prayer.

One: Let us give thanks.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

One: Come, friends! A feast has been prepared for us!

All: We come with joy and eagerness.

One: All that we are and all that we have comes from You, O Source of Life;

All: From the gift of the morning to the blessing of the night.

One: Even when we turn away or doubt You,

All: Your love never waivers.

One: Today we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and His last supper with the disciples.

All: As we remember we marvel that His last acts were ones of love and service.

One: Jesus, Gift from God, lived so that we might know what it means to walk with each other, and live in communion with God and all creation. So we pause to pray for our world and one another: for peace and reconciliation where there is conflict, for comfort and strength where there is sorrow, for hope and help where there is need, for the healing of the earth and our environment, for love and mercy for ourselves and the people You place in our hearts. May each one receive what they need to live as You intend.

All: Now we gather at Your table to remember Your courageous love and the power of Your Spirit. Challenge and change us. Feed us with the bread of blessing and the cup of commitment.

Words of Institution

Receiving the Bread and Wine

(You are invited to come forward and take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup. If you are not able to come forward, someone will come to serve you where you are seated.)

Hymns (480) "Let Us Break Bread Together" and then
(466) "Eat This Bread" Sung until all are served.

**Eat this bread, drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.**

Post-Communion Prayer (together)

Companion God, You give us bread for the journey and do not leave us to walk alone. We walk with each other in the troubled and joyful parts of our lives. We celebrate the One who walks with us in the valleys and mountaintops of our human moments. For this triumph of spirit and new life, we give You thanks. Amen.

(Young people leave for classes.)

Responding to God

Offering

Prelude in G

Francis Linley

* **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

CANTATA

“No Greater Love” Music by Lani Smith

Narrative by Rev. William Privette

(Narrators: R. Graham and M. Kitagawa)

1. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
2. All Glory, Laud, and Honour
3. Because of Me Tonight
4. Go to Dark Gethsemane
5. O Come and Mourn With Me Awhile
6. What Wondrous Love Is This?
7. No Greater Love

Closing Prayer

Postlude “Lift High the Cross” arr. C. Berry

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Sunday, Apr. 9, 2017

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: S. Ito, H. Nagata
H. & I. Kagawa

Scripture Reader: R. Bloor

Special thanks to K. Quinton, our music director, and to the choir for all their hard work in preparing such a beautiful cantata for all of us to enjoy. Many thanks to you all!

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 in loving memory of **Orma and Ted Hinchcliffe**, better known as Nana and Taffy; dear parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. You are missed. With love from **P. Widgery and family**.

If you care to donate flowers for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoriam or for a special occasion, please contact **C. Ichiyen** 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 remember to bring back your offering on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your support!

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

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.

Easter Monday. April 17 @ 7:30 p.m. - Bob 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.

Tues. April 18th - 1:00 p.m. - BUC Book Club will meet in the narthex. Free choice of subject. Everyone is welcome. For further information call M. Griffiths.

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.

Sun. May 7th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service led by Rev. K. Hagerman, who was ordained in 2003 and has served congregations outside of Winnipeg and in Brampton. In 2012 she received a Master of Theology in homiletics and preaching from Emmanuel College in Toronto. Currently, she works for the Peel District School Board.

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

Sun. May 14th – 11:00 a.m. – Mother's Day Worship Service. The service will be led by Rev. K. Hagerman.

Spring Newsletter: If you would like to submit an article, please email it to M. Leone, Church Administrator, at office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca or drop it by the church office by April 23rd. Thank you!

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.

The United Church of Canada is launching an **Extreme Hunger Appeal** as the humanitarian crisis in Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen reaches grave levels. Starvation and extreme hunger are rapidly reaching a scale the world has not seen before. Vulnerable people are most impacted, including children. If you would like to support this appeal, please write a check to BUC and mark it Extreme Hunger Appeal. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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 information, 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, Apr. 16, 2017

Head Usher: T. Nakamichi

Ushers: H. & C. Ichiyen, C. MacLean, K. Matsugu

Scripture Reader: P. Watanabe