

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 of Easter

Sunday, April 23rd, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"
arr. Burleigh
Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean
Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action #19, 20 K. Shikaze
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Springtime changes are bursting forth all around us.

All: The earth is awakening with displays of wondrous colour and glory.

One: The cycle of living and dying continues.

All: Lent has passed and the celebration of Easter continues.

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One: Let us be open to the new life and new possibilities before us as we worship and praise God this day.

***Processional Hymn (373)** "As Comes the Breath of Spring"

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of Easter Life, we feel the stirrings of spring in our hearts and give thanks for the new forms of life bursting forth. We give thanks that we can bring our doubts to worship, just as Thomas approached the risen Christ with his doubts. You accept us as we are, mixtures of doubt and faith. Renew our lives with Your love and joy this day. Amen.

Epistle Reading Acts 2:14, 22-32
(Peter preaches to the people.)

***Hymn (187)** "The Spring Has Come" vs. 1, 2

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 (187) "The Spring Has Come" vs. 1, 3
(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Transforming God, sometimes we doubt that new life is possible when we have setbacks. We quickly crawl back into old cocoons, old habits and old routines that take away our zest for living. Against all odds, the discouraged followers of Jesus felt Him to be present and as a result, they came out of hiding. Help us when we get discouraged to come out of hiding, to meet new life and new changes with renewed energy and strength. May we be open to the risen Christ walking with us on life's journey. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: In Christ, all walls are broken down.

All: Through the Spirit, all wounds are healed.

One: With God, new life begins again and again.

All: We are an Easter people, thanks be to God!

Listening for God's Word

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31
(Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus for himself.)

Solo "All in the April Evening" Tynan/Robertson
Soloist: P. Tibbles Cookson

Sermon "Come Back" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (703)** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Responding to God

Offering Siciliano John Stanley (1713-1786)

*** 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 (173)** "Thine Is the Glory"

***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 D, 1st Mvt. Haydn

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Sunday, Apr. 23, 2017

Head Usher: T. Nakamichi

**Ushers: K. Saito, C. Masuda,
D. Fam, L. Fusé**

Scripture Reader: P. Widgey

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.

Flowers grace our world with their beauty and charm. **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.

Rev. Cooper will be on a three-month sabbatical for study and renewal beginning May 1st, followed by holidays. She will return Sept. 5th. We will have different ministers and student ministers leading worship each Sunday. Rev. Dr. J. Hartley has graciously agreed to provide emergency pastoral care in May, June and August (416-480-0142). He is a retired United

Church minister who spent 20 years as minister at St. Andrews U.C. in Toronto. Rev. K. Matsugu will cover emergency pastoral care in July (416-335-5387).

Today, 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.

The Sharing Table will take place on May 7th. Bring in new or gently used items to share with the congregation. Suitable items can relate to Mother's Day i.e. flowers, chocolates, jewellery, plants, books or anything of your choosing. This is a time to mix and mingle and have fun choosing a free item to take home. All are welcome to participate.

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

Meet our Moderator, Dinner, Displays, Entertainment: On **Saturday, May 13, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.** South West Presbytery is hosting our Moderator, The Rt. Rev. J. Cantwell, at the Presbytery Office 65 Mayall Avenue (just north of Wilson, between Weston and Jane Streets. Agenda: 4 p.m. Meet and greet and explore exhibits of what other United Church congregations are doing successfully; 5 p.m.

Moderator's Address; 6 p.m. BBQ Dinner – meal tickets \$15 each can be ordered from D. Rutz. 7 p.m. Entertainment.

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

Wed. May 17th – 2:30 p.m. – Hymn Sing at the Donway. Everyone is welcome.

Sun. May 21st – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service. The service will be led by Rev. K. Hagerman.

Thurs. May 25th – 2:00 p.m. - Worship Service at Momiji led by D. Kai and M. Bown. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. May 28th – 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service led by D. Kai and M. Bown. They retired from ministry 2 years ago and are enjoying retired life. We appreciate their coming.

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.

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 cheque 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.

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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. 30, 2017

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: J. Nogami, M. Koga, T. & E Yuan

Scripture Reader: H. Ichiyen