

# 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.*

Sunday, May 28, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(\*congregation stands in body, mind or spirit)

## Praising God

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

K. Shikaze

### Musical Interlude

#### Call to Worship (from Psalm 27)

One: God is our light and salvation; whom shall I fear?

**Many: God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: Let us raise our voices in praise, for we have known the goodness of God.

**All: Together, let us worship God.**

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### \*Processional Hymn: (MV30)

“It’s a Song of Praise to the Maker”

It’s a song of praise to the Maker, the thrush sings high in the tree.

It’s a song of praise to the Maker, The gray whale sings in the sea,

**Chorus:** And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It’s a call of life to the Giver, when waves and waterfalls roar.  
It’s a call of life to the Giver, when high tides break on the shore,

#### **Chorus**

It’s a hymn of love to the Lover; the bumblebees hum along.  
It’s a hymn of love to the Lover, the summer breeze joins the song,

#### **Chorus**

It’s the chorus of all creation; it’s sung by all living things.  
It’s the chorus of all creation; a song the universe sings.

#### **Chorus**

### Opening Prayer

Creator God, today we give You thanks for the many different peoples of your world. Grant us grace to live together with respect for one another; help us to honour each other’s uniqueness. Forgive us when we judge others by our own standards, forgetting that You are sovereign over all. We pray for each member of the human family that they may use the gifts of love, empathy, joy and delight as they relate with each other. Surround our homes and churches with love and compassion as we seek to honour one another with integrity and peace in our hearts and minds. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**

ONE: In Christ we are freed from the chains of shame and despair to experience a new life of hope. Be assured that with God, the story always ends with resurrection.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

**Time with the Young People**

\*Hymn (243) "Praise to God"

**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.

Children may leave for Sunday School at the end of the prayer.

**Listening for God's Word**

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 17: 1-9  
(Jesus on the mountaintop)

**Message** "A Ghost Town Tour"

\*Hymn: (666) "In Lonely Mountain Ways"

**Responding to God**

**Offering**

\* **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.**

**Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**We bring our gifts to you, O God.  
Here is the work of our hands,  
here is the love of our hearts.  
Accept them and use them,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

\***Recessional Hymn: "Our God Goes With Us"**

**Chorus:** Our God goes with us wherever we may roam,  
Our God goes with us, makes each new place our home,  
As God goes with us we live by faith, not fear,  
Thanks be to God, ever 'fore us, ever near.

The Spirit moved, blew boats across the sea,  
brooded in hearts that struggled to be free,  
New life, new faith, new challenges to dare,  
through blood, sweat, toil, bitter tears, our God was there.

**Chorus**

The Spirit wept as hatred's flames were fanned,  
as trains of tears streamed from the promised land,  
In lonely mountain paths our God was found,  
Faith, hope and love making ghost towns holy ground.

**Chorus**

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The Spirit urged, go forth and start anew,  
rebuild my church, a sanctuary true,  
Welcomed by friends, their paths entwined as one,  
stronger united with ev'ry rising sun.

**Chorus**

The Spirit leads; the future, still unknown,  
is not to fear, we trust in God alone,  
Be with us still as we move on again,  
strengthen, inspire us, our Saviour and our Friend.

**(Chorus)**

**\*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.**

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**Postlude**

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**Sunday, May 28, 2017**

**Head Usher: B. Jackson**

**Ushers:** C. MacLean, C. Masuda, P. Widgery,  
K. Matsugu

**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

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\$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.**

**A special welcome and thank you** to D. Kai and M. Bown for their message; Rev. Cooper is on her sabbatical and holidays.

**Prayers and Concerns:** Please remember in your prayers all those who are in need of hope, comfort and healing.

Flowers warm our hearts and remind us of nature around us. **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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, followed by holidays. She will return Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>. 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. 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.

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**Please wear your nametags** downstairs after the service to help our guest ministers in getting to know you. Thank you.

**Today, Sun. May 28<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service** led by D. Kai and M. Bown. They are retired ministers who come to us from Grand Bend, Ontario. D. Kai grew up in Toronto and attended the Centennial Japanese United Church. M. Bown grew up in Newfoundland in the Anglican Church and came to Toronto to study Youth Ministry. They have ministered in churches in Manitoba, Ottawa and Ajax, Ontario. They have three children. We appreciate their coming.

**12:30 p.m. – Bazaar meeting** in the narthex. If you would like to help plan our fall bazaar, to be held on Sat. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, please come to this planning meeting. Thank you for your support.

**Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Women`s Fellowship Circle Annual Windup.** Theme: Canada 150 – Dress-up Optional. Cost: \$15 for bento box or Swiss Chalet. Please sign up with R. Shikaze.

**Sun. June 4<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Pentecost Sunday. Service led by Spirit.calm.**

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

**Mon. June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. - Advocats at Whistler's**  
B. Kai is a member of the Advocats Big Band. The band will be performing at Whistler's Grille (995 Broadview Ave at Mortimer, second floor McNeil Room, stairway access). Call 416-421-1344 for reservations. \$10 cover charge. The Advocats have been playing for over 25 years and were first formed in 1991 with a group of lawyers to play a benefit concert for the Momiji Health Care Society at the former CJUC at 701 Dovercourt Rd. See details at [www.advocatsbigband.com](http://www.advocatsbigband.com)

**Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup> – 12 noon -Bayview United Church Golf Tournament** to be held at the Whispering Ridge Golf Course. It's time to think golf. This year the funds from our tournament are going towards replacing our church roof.

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Fees this year are \$110 if you walk and \$130 if you ride. Fees include golf, a delicious dinner, plenty of laughs and a prize for all golfers. Expertise in golf is not required and we will play a Texas Scramble format. If you would like to golf, please contact K. Shikaze.

As usual golf prizes are gratefully accepted.

**Sun. June 11<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Worship with Promotion Sunday** led by B. Neely who is a lay minister from Rev. Cooper's former congregation, Home United Church.

**Sun. June 18<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service.** The service will be led by Rev. K. Hagerman.

**Thurs. June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 12:00 p.m. - Luncheon gathering at Momiji** followed by a hymn sing of favourite hymns. Lunch will be provided by the Hospitality and Care Team of Bayview U.C.

**Sun. June 25<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Picnic at BUC.** This year the picnic will be held in our church fellowship hall beginning with an informal worship service, followed by a potluck lunch and then some indoor games. Dress is casual.

**Advance Notice:** We are planning to have a **Congregational Dinner** followed by a **musical concert** on **Sat. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>**, with performances by members of the congregation, to raise money for our new roof. If you have a talent and would like to perform, please speak to K. Quinton or J. Liddle.

**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

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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 “**Relief - Extreme Hunger Appeal**”. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

**Sparrow Lake Camp** is now accepting registrations for children’s summer camp. Please visit their website at <http://www.sparrowlakecamp.com/> for more information and to register. BUC is willing to provide \$200.00 (each) towards the cost of a camp experience for children who wish to attend. If interested, please speak to K. Shikaze.

**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.

**Sat. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – Annual Church Planning Day** at the home of Revs. Cooper and Prebble. All ministry team and committee members are invited to attend. Directions will be sent out in August to those attending. Lunch will be provided but please bring a lawn chair if you have one. Please let M. Leone in our office know by August 21<sup>st</sup> if you will be attending the meeting. Thank you.

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**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 contact B. Marshall or E. Turnbull with your prayer request. Thank you.

**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, June 4, 2017

**Head Usher: M. Kaneko**

**Ushers:** D. Honda, L. Hirowatari  
M. Murakami, K. Oiye