

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.

Annual Congregational Picnic at the Church

Sunday, June 25th, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Praising God

Prelude Jesus Shall Reign arr. Cindy Berry
Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Call to Worship

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

All: as we sing glory to God!

One: God has blessed us with the warmth and light of the summer solstice.

All: We celebrate this gift and seek to be inspired by the energy and hope it brings to us.

One: May this be a day of celebration and fun as we worship and praise God.

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***Hymn (409)** "Morning Has Broken"
Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

*Greetings of Joy and Peace

One: **Joy and Peace be with you.**

Response: **And with you.**

(Feel free to greet each other with a handshake, bow, etc.)

Opening Prayer

Great Spirit God, as we pass over the threshold of another summer, open us to the beauty that is all around us: lush green fields of grass and hay, radiant multi-coloured flowers and bushes, glowing sunshine and sparkling lakes and rivers. We so delight in all that is around. Nurture our hearts, O God, with the warmth of Your Spirit as we seek to live in harmony with all of Your creation. With joy and gratitude we pray to You. Amen.

***Hymn (412)** "This Is the Day" vs. 1,2,3

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.

Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.

You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.

Listening for God's Word

Scripture Reading Psalm 113 (New Revised
Standard Version)

Reflection "Celebrating the Summer Solstice" K. Shikaze

Hymn (291) 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' vs. 1, 2 ,3, 5

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

- 1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings. **R**

- 2 The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky; **R**
- 3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. **R**
- 5 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. **R**

Responding to God

Offering

***Dedication (544) "In Gratitude and Humble Trust"**

In gratitude and humble trust

We bring our best today.

To serve your cause and share your love

With all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us

In Jesus Christ, your Son,

Teach us to give ourselves each day

until life's work is done.

***Prayer**

One: Let us pray together.

**All: God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion
to give these gifts to You. All we are and all we have
are Yours alone. Accept this joyful offering
as a token of our great love. Use it to bring justice
and comfort to the entire world. Amen.**

Prayer in Six Directions

Hymn (375) "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" vs. 1,2,4
**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the
valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **R**
- 2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. **R**
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions your people arise. **R**

Blessing (unison)

**May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand. Amen.**

***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.
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 "Blue Moon" Rogers/arr. Art Tatum

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Sunday, June 25: 2017

Head Usher: T. Nakamichi

Scripture Reader: J. Brooker

Special thanks to K. Shikaze for leading the service and to B. Kai, J. Liddle, and K. Quinton for playing the music and leading the singing today.

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.

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

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.

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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. 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. Andrew's U.C. in Toronto. Rev. K. Matsugu will cover emergency pastoral care in July. Please join us in welcoming the guest worship leaders at upcoming Sunday services:

Bonnie Neely	July 9
Mercedes Hughes	July 2 and August 27
Kevin Moore	July 16, 23, and 30 and Sept. 3
David Kai and Marly Bown	August 6, 13 and 20

Japanese Language Services will be held on July 9th, Aug. 13th, and Sept. 10th at 1:00 p.m. Services are led by Rev. H. Aihara.

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

Today, Sun. June 25th – 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.

Our bazaar this year is on Saturday, Oct. 14th. The sign-up sheets to help at the bazaar are in the narthex, so please sign up in whatever area you wish to help. This is a total church event and we need everyone's involvement to make this event a success.

Advance Notice: We are planning to have a **Congregational Dinner** followed by a **musical concert** on **Sat. Nov. 18th**, with

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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 tax receipt, name on the donation plaque created for us by K. Koyama and a very special BUC pen/flashlight. For more information, now 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.

Reunion for youth who attended CJUC back in the 70s and 80s at 701 Dovercourt Rd. The date has been changed to **Saturday, September 23**, at the Pilot Tavern, 22 Cumberland

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St. in Yorkville. Parents are invited. All proceeds will be donated to Bayview United Church. Everyone is welcome! Please contact **K. Nakawatase** for further details.

Sat. Aug. 26th – 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 21st if you will be attending the meeting. Thank you.

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

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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.

Next week: Sunday, July 2, 2016

Summer Worship Service with light refreshments to follow.