

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.

Creation Time

World Wide Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 1st, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(* indicates please stand as you are able)

Praising God

Prelude Sonata Op. 31 #3, 3rd Mvt. Beethoven
Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Christ calls us to gather at the river to worship God.

All: The Spirit calls us to rejoice in all that lives in the river.

One: We join with salmon, carp, trout, dragonflies and crayfish to give thanks to God.

All: Come, let us join the song of the river...

One: As we gather round God's table, to feast on God's love.

All: We bring our hunger so we can be fed, we bring our emptiness so we can be filled, and we bring ourselves, so we can be loved.

One: Let us celebrate this universal Creator of river and sacrament, where all are welcomed at God's table.

* Hymn (710) "Shall We Gather at the River"

(Young people are invited to go to classes and return for communion.)

Opening Prayer (unison)

Creator God, whose glory fills our planet, raise our awareness of Your presence among us, especially in the life of rivers. Thank You for their sparkling beauty, bubbling joy, and refreshing goodness. We remember that water is a symbol for life, health, wealth, justice and our dependence on You. We cannot live without water. May worship quench our thirst for Living Water and connect us with the sacredness of life. Amen.

*Hymn (MV 154) "Deep in Our Hearts" (vs. 1 & 4)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Holy God, like a gushing mountain stream, You carry us in the river of life ever flowing towards Your ocean of love. Forgive us when we fail to honour the sacredness of water or try to paddle upstream. Help us to go with the flow of Your enlivening Spirit. Enable us to see our interconnectedness and interdependence so that we may be loving stewards of all that surrounds us. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Lesson Genesis 2: 10-15
(Rivers flowing from the Garden of Eden.)

Gospel Reading John 7: 37-39
(Rivers of living water flow from the hearts of believers.)

Solo "I See the Love of God in Every River" Ouchterlony
Soloist: B. Haddock, soprano

Sermon "Sacred Rivers" Rev. Cooper

*** Hymn (427)** "To Show by Touch and Word" vs. 1 & 2

Responding to God

Offertory "Serenade", Op. 140 # 18 Gurlitt
*** Dedication** (tune V.U. 173)

**Come, and be thankful, for what God has done.
Give from life's abundance; share with everyone.
In this world of chaos, God's love still shines bright,
When we seek together, Christ's abiding light.
Come, and be thankful, for what God can do,
through these tithes and offerings, from both me and you.**
(Bill Steadman)

***Prayer**
(The young people are invited to join in communion.)

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

One: People of faith, welcome to this table of blessings!

All: We seek to be fed and nurtured.

One: People of faith, bring your doubts and fears and leave them at this table.

All: Christ meets us here and accepts each one of us just as we are.

One: People of faith, let us unite with Christians everywhere as we satisfy our hunger and deepen our faith.

***Communion Hymn (467)** "One Bread, One Body"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks.

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

One: God, we give You thanks for the richness of the world You have created.

All: We celebrate the purple mountains soaring above wildflower plains, where grasses raise their heads to meet the summer breeze.

One: You send clouds floating endlessly around the sky and set stars to twinkle upon the earth with joy and delight.

All: You call the dolphins to dance and play in the waves, and the giraffes to saunter endlessly across the desert sands.

One: We see Your image glowing in the faces of children playing together on playgrounds, and we delight in Your voice shining through the hearts of all people who seek to live in a spirit of love.

All: We shout "Amen!" as You give us life so that we may live together in this world flowing with milk and honey.

One: As we gather around this table, remind us of other tables around the world. Let us see the many hands breaking bread. Let us see the many cups raised up for a blessing.

**All: Remind us, O God, that this table knows no limits.
Help us to stretch this table from one horizon to the other,
with all the faithful gathered around it.**

One: As we eat the bread and drink from the cup, may Your Spirit seek to fill us and our world. Teach us, O God, the way of the bread, the source of life, and the way of the cup, the life in our veins. Unite us in Your Spirit of faith and love as we celebrate Your gift to us. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Please wait until all have been served before you eat & drink.)

Post-Communion Prayer (unison)

Loving God, we have been fed here by Your love. Thank You for the ways in which You care for us and others. We give thanks for Your gift of creation and pray that one day we may all be one in Your Spirit. Touch our lives with Your Spirit and send us forth with love and gratitude. Amen.

* **Recessional Hymn (402)** "We Are One"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (605)** "Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold"

- 1 Jesus, teacher, brave and bold,
let us serve you, young and old.
Let us faith-filled workers be,
all around, your wisdom see.
Let us play and dance and sing,
your goodness find in everything.**
- 2 Jesus, friend, so strong and true,
show us good, brave work to do.**

**Show us those who need a friend,
all things broken help us mend.
Free our minds and stretch our care,
Teach us to serve you everywhere.**

Postlude "There Is a Fountain" arr. C. Berry

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Sunday, Oct. 1st, 2017

Head Usher: M. Kaneko

Ushers: G. Omoto, M. Kitagawa, L. Hirowatari,

Scripture Reader: B. Haddock

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.

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Rev. Ken Matsugu, who passed away on Wednesday, September 27th. A memorial service will be held at BUC on Friday, October 6th, at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will be held at the church from 1-4 p.m. and 6-7:00 p.m. on October 6th.

Memorial flowers are placed by J. and S. Cermak. A 20th year remembrance of dear husband and father **Bohumil Cermak**. Stories of Grandpa Bohush are cherished by his grandchildren. **If you care to donate flowers** for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoriam or for a special occasion, please contact **K. Oiy**e, 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.

Today, Sun. Oct. 1st, 11:00 a.m. – World Wide Communion Sunday.

1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tues. Oct. 3rd - 7:15 p.m. – Ministry and Personnel Committee meeting in the narthex.

Thurs. Oct. 5th – 7:30 p.m. – Choir practice in the sanctuary.

Sun. Oct. 8th - 11:00 a.m. – Thanksgiving Sunday.

Thurs. Oct. 12th – 9:30 -12 p.m. chopping vegetables for the bazaar at Bayview United Church.

7:30 p.m. – Choir practice in the sanctuary.

Friday Oct. 13th – Preparing for the Bazaar

9:30 a.m.- at **JCCC** - udon preparations & cooking chow mein.

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. – set-up at **church**

Sat. Oct. 14th – Noon to 3 p.m. - 2017 Food & Craft Bazaar.

Please invite your family and friends to attend and offer your assistance to make this event a success.

Attention High School Students!

Get **volunteer hours** for helping out at the 2017 Food and Craft Bazaar on Saturday, October 14th, from 11:30 - 4 pm. We need help with parking, food servers, clean up. To sign up and get more information contact C. MacLean .

Sun. Oct. 15th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service

12:30 p.m. – Mini Bazaar following the service.

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

Wed. Oct. 18th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thurs. Oct. 19th – 7:30 p.m. – Choir practice in the sanctuary.

Sun. Oct. 22nd – 11:00 a.m. – World Food Day Service followed by Stone Soup. Everyone is invited to bring one cup of veggies for the soup. Cost of soup: \$5.00 to support the food bank.

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.

Wed. Oct. 25th - 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Thurs. Oct. 26th - 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

7:30 p.m. – Choir practice in the sanctuary.

Sun. Oct. 29th – 11:00 a.m. - Annual Memorial Worship

Service to remember loved ones who have died since Oct. 2016. Everyone is invited to a complimentary lunch following the service. If you have had a loved one or friend pass away this past year, please let Rev. Cooper know their name and date of passing by Oct. 23rd. Thank you.

1:00 p.m. - Hospitality and Care meeting in the Sunday school room.

Wed. Nov. 1st – 2:30 p.m. – Worship service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Nov. 5th – 11:00 a.m. - Remembrance Sunday Service with guest speaker Master Corporal M. Harvey. She joined the Canadian Forces in 2013 and will speak about her experiences in the military. Everyone is invited to a complimentary lunch following the service.

Newsletter: The Deadline for submitting articles for the next church newsletter is Nov. 12th.

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 in. 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 performances by members of the congregation, to raise money for our new roof. If you have a musical talent and would like to perform, please speak to K. Quinton or J. Liddle.

The church choir has started. Any congregation member who is interested in singing with the choir is invited to attend choir practices on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Alternatively you may speak to K. Quinton regarding practicing with recordings at home, which some of our singers do.

2018 Directory: We will be issuing a new BUC telephone directory later this fall. A draft of the directory will be available in the narthex starting on Sunday. Please review your information for accuracy and make any necessary changes or

initial the entry if it is correct. If you know of anyone who should be added or deleted, please let M. Leone know.

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

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help line: 416-487-5591. If you have a problem with alcohol,
we have the solution.

Next Sunday, Oct. 8th, 2017

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: K. Shikaze, M. Cruise, C. MacLean, T. Takasaki

Scripture Reader: R. Bloor