

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.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost Reception of a New Member & Kitchen Renovation Dedication

Sunday, November 12th, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude Theme from Sonata Op. 27 #1, Mvt 1 Beethoven
Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean
Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action 31 & 32 K. Shikaze
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: God made a covenant with our Hebrew ancestors to be our God.

All: The Hebrew people said “yes” to God’s commitment.

One: But then the Hebrew people turned away and worshipped other gods.

All: The Hebrew people soon realized their error and firmly chose God to be their one and only God.

One: Today we reaffirm this decision and promise to only worship and serve our God of love, grace and peace.

***Processional Hymn (264)** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Opening Prayer (unison)

Compassionate God, we pray that through our singing, our speaking, our reading, our listening, our silence and our praying that Your Spirit will touch our hearts, bless our lives and lift our spirits to incredible heights of joy, peace and love. May we all be warmed by Your Holy Presence in this time of worship. Amen.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 78:1-7

(We will teach the next generation.)

***Hymn (575)** “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (vs. 1,2,3)

A Time with the Children

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 (575) “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” (vs. 1 & 4)
(Young people are invited to go to classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Loving God, You know we are not perfect. We stumble, we fall, we turn away and we have doubts. Yet, You never turn away from us. You are always there ready to catch, support, hug and renew our spirits, so that we can return to You. Thank You for always being there and for being so patient with us. Amen.

Sung Assurance (400) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
(repeat once)

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Lesson Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25
(Joshua challenges the people to choose God.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:1-13
(Parable of the ten brides and lamps.)

Solo "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" arr. Richard Walters
Soprano Soloist: L. Lazar

Sermon "Whom Do You Follow?" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (509)** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" vs. 1 & 3

Responding to God

Offering "Zueignung" (Dedication) Stephen Heller
*** Dedication (544)** tune V.U. 518

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**

Transfer of Membership

Statement of Introduction

Presentation of Candidate

C. MacLean

Act of Transfer Questions

Congregational Response (unison)

God has called us to be your brothers and sisters in Christ. We rejoice in your membership with us and promise you our friendship, love, support and prayers. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry as Christ's church. Amen.

Statement of Faith -The New Creed-

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: Who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile
and make new,

Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church;
To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation,
To love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Words of Welcome

Hand of Christian Love and Welcome

Dedication of Kitchen

Opening Words

L. Fujita

Dedication in Loving Memory of Audrey Fukuzawa
Prayer

* **Recessional Hymn (420)** "Go to the World"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (424)** "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

1 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.

2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R

Postlude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
arr. Philip Keveren

Today we welcome through Transfer of Membership D. Amos, who is transferring her membership from Bedford Park United Church to Bayview United Church. Welcome! We are blessed to have you join the Bayview congregation!

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Sunday, Nov. 12th, 2017

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: T. & E. Yuan, E. Turnbull, J. Bennett

Scripture Reader: J. Bennett

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 in need of hope, comfort and healing.

This morning's flowers are placed by the **Ichiyen** family in celebration of the birthdays of **H. Niiya** and **H. Ichiyen**. 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.

Today, Sun. Nov. 12th – 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service Newsletter: The Deadline for submitting articles for the next church newsletter is **today**.

12:30 p.m. – Follow-up meeting from the Bazaar in the Sunday School room.

Wed. Nov. 15th, 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Sat. Nov. 18th, 5:00 p.m. – Raise the Roof Dinner and Concert on Saturday, November 18th. Catered dinner at 5 p.m. followed at 6:30 p.m. by a musical concert featuring our talented BUC members and friends. Cost is \$20 per adult, and

children are free. All proceeds for the new roof. Tickets must be purchased from either L. Fujita or R. Shikaze by Monday Nov. 13th.

Sun. Nov. 19th – 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

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

Tues. November 21st - 1:00 p.m. - BUC Book Club will meet in the narthex. Free choice of subject. Everyone is welcome. For further information contact R. Sheppard.

Sun. Nov. 26th – 11:00 a.m. – Mission Sunday with guest speaker G. Costa, the General Manager of Eva's Place.

12:30 p.m. - There will be a Sharing Table. Please bring in items to share with the congregation. Suitable items can relate to Christmas, such as bags, cards, decorations or anything of your choosing. This is a time for all to mingle and have fun choosing a free item to take home. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Wed. Nov. 29th - 2:30 p.m. – Carol Service at the Donway. Everyone welcome to attend.

Thurs. Nov. 30th – 2:00 p.m. – Carol Service at Momiji followed by High Tea. Everyone welcome to attend.

Sat. Dec. 2nd – 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Come to our Advent Adventure with crafts, stories and carols. **All ages welcome!** Ending with a pizza dinner. **Tickets will be available soon: \$8.00 each, and children are free.**

Sun. Dec. 3rd – 11:00 a.m. – Advent I Worship Service with Advent candle lighting and the celebration of Holy Communion.

12:30 p.m. – Reiki Session in the library. If you would like to receive a hands-on Reiki healing treatment, please speak to D. Yatabe or Rev. Cooper.

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

Sun. Dec. 10th – 11:00 a.m. - Advent II candle lighting and Creating a Tree of Remembrance: during the service you are invited to place blue stars on the Christmas tree in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away over the years. There will also be a special Christmas presentation by our young people.

12:15p.m. -- A catered turkey lunch will follow the service. **Cost is \$15.00** per person and children are free. Tickets are available from R. Shikaze or L. Fujita and **must be bought by Dec. 3rd** as the lunch is being catered. Tickets will **not** be on sale at the door. So please buy your ticket soon.

Sun. Dec. 17th – 11:00 a.m. – Advent III Worship Service with **Choir Christmas Cantata** and Advent candle lighting.

Myanmar Crisis of Rohingya Peoples: to date 603,000 people, (over half are children) have been displaced from Myanmar and are in refugee camps in Bangladesh. The brutal persecution of the Rohingya Muslim people has created a humanitarian crisis. Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFB) will be providing food for 25,000 Rohingya refugees living in informal settlements in Bangladesh. If you would like to help the Rohingya people in the settlement camps through the CFB, please give cash or cheque to Bayview United Church by the end of November. Please mark envelope Rohingya. Money collected will be sent to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Thank you for considering this important project. (The United Church of Canada is a member of CFB.)

2018 Directory: We will be issuing a new BUC telephone directory in December. A draft of the directory is available in the narthex. By the end of November, 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.

Winter Coat Drive: We are collecting clean, gently used winter coats again for the Children's Breakfast Club. If you have any, please bring them to the church and advise K. Shikaze or P. Watanabe that you have brought them and we will see that they get to the Children's Breakfast Club for distribution to a child who needs one. **Donate a Coat and Warm a Heart. 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.

Eyeglasses 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.

Next Sunday, Nov. 19th, 2017

Head Usher: T. Nakamichi

Ushers: B. & D. Rivait, H. & K. Nagata

Scripture Reader: D. Rivait