

# 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.*

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 11:00 a.m.

(\*congregation stands as able)

### Praising God

Prelude Sonata in F Minor, L. 187 Domenico Scarlatti

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action 33-34 D. Domelle

Musical Interlude

### Call to Worship

One: Today as we gather around tables, we will seek to build community.

**All: We will take time to listen and to hear each other.**

One: We will seek to discern what the scriptures are saying to us.

**All: We will celebrate being God's people of faith.**

One: Let us gather in a spirit of worship and praise.

**\*Hymn (603)** "In Loving Partnership We Come" vs. 1,2,3

1 In loving partnership we come,  
seeking, O God, your will to do.  
Our prayers and actions now receive;  
we freely offer them to you.

2 We are the hands and feet of Christ,  
serving by grace each other's need.  
We dare to risk and sacrifice  
with truthful word and faithful deed.

3 Loving community we seek;  
your hope and strength within us move.  
The poor and rich, the strong and weak  
are brought together in your love.

### Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, we come seeking to be nurtured by Your Spirit. Help us to discern the meaning of Your Word as it related to those who first experienced and heard the stories of our faith. May we all take time to reflect on their significance for our lives today. Guide, support and uplift us as we seek to be Your people of faith in 2017. Amen.

**\*Hymn (575)** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" vs. 1, 3

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

### A Time with the Children

**Hymn (575)** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" vs. 4

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**(Young people are invited to go to classes.)**

**Responding to God**

**Offering** Sarabande in B-flat Johann Pachelbel

**\* 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**

**Listening for God's Word**

**First Reading** Luke 2:1-19  
(The birth of Jesus.)

**Second Reading** Matthew 2:1-2; 9-12  
(The wise men visit Jesus.)

**Choir Anthem** "Goin' Home" Dvorak/Langford

**Table Group Discussion**

**\*Hymn (236)** "Now Thank We All Our God"

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart,  
and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us strong in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God  
for all that has been given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest  
who dwell in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**Postlude** "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" Webb, arr. Berry

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**Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Head Usher: T. Nakamichi**

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

**Scripture Reader: D. Rivait**

**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.

Around us nature is in transition; may we also be able to achieve change in our lives. 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. 19<sup>th</sup> – 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. 26<sup>th</sup> – 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. 29<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 p.m. – Carol Service** at the Donway. Everyone welcome to attend.

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

**Sat. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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 are available from C. MacLean. \$8.00 each, and children are free.**

**Sun. Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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. 10<sup>th</sup> – 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. 3<sup>rd</sup>** as the lunch is being catered. Tickets will **not** be on sale at the door. So please buy your ticket soon.

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

**Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – No morning service.**

**Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service** with a Christmas drama, carols, scripture and candle lighting. Come and relive the Christmas story once again!!

**Sun. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – New Year's Eve Carol Service**

There will be no Sunday school classes.

**Please note** refreshments will **not** be available following the service.

**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 email E. Turnbull with your prayer request. Thank you.

**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. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

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