

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.

Second Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of Jesus Sunday

Sunday, January 14th, 2018 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "A Rose is Gently Blooming" Johannes Brahms

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Let us journey to the Jordan River.

All: **The place where the people of Israel came to find God.**

One: Let us stand with Jesus and the crowds,

All: **who came to the river to be baptized by John.**

One: Let us see the heavens open and hear God's affirmation,

All: **'You are My beloved child in whom I am well pleased.'**

One: Glory and praise be given to God-with-us!

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*Hymn (100) "When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, Whose voice cried in the wilderness and cried in a cradle, Whose presence is found in the beauty of the sunrise and in the life of One rising out of the Jordan, we gather to receive Your blessings. Your voice has called and we have come. May we be touched by the healing energies of Your presence as we bathe in the water of Your love. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 1:1-5
(The first day of creation.)

*Hymn (585) "Jesus Bids Us Shine" vs. 1 and 2

A Time with the Children

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (unison) V.U. pg. 921

Hymn (585) "Jesus Bids Us Shine" vs. 3
(Young people leave for classes.)

Affirmation of Our Baptismal Faith (unison)

I believe in the power of baptism.

I believe that something deeper than I know happens and I am bound forevermore to a life that is ancient yet born anew in me.

I believe in the power of baptism to transcend time and space and call me to discipleship with Christ.

The muddy waters of the Jordan River that swirl over him, merge with the clear waters of the baptismal font that splash on me

and we become one as those waters are one.

I am no longer my own or on my own.

I believe in the power of baptism to shake the heavens and my world.

I believe in the power of the Spirit's touch
and those baptized find themselves
made new, made beloved, made whole.
I believe in the power of baptism
to call us to ourselves and to Christ.
I believe in the power of baptism
to immerse us in the waters of blessing
and send us forth, wet and wild with hope,
to be a blessing ourselves.

Listening for God's Word

Epistle Reading Acts 19:1-7
(Paul baptizes with the Spirit.)

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:4-11
(Jesus is baptized by John.)

Anthem "Send the Light/This Little Light of Mine" arr. J. Martin

Sermon "The Mark of Baptism" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (92)** "In the Darkness Shines the Splendor" vs. 1 & 4

Responding to God

Offering Chorale Prelude on "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme"
Walther

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

Tune: 530 -

**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**

Prayers of the People

***Hymn (380)** "She Comes Sailing on the Wind"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (More Voices 216)** "Wherever You May Go"

Refrain: written by D. Kai

**Wherever You may go, I will follow,
And Your people shall be my people too.
Wherever You may go, I will follow,
For I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
We will travel side by side
And God's love will be our guide. **(refrain)**

Postlude "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"
arr. Philip Keveren

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Sunday, January 14, 2018

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: M. Sakamoto, H. & K. Nagata, C. MacLean

Scripture Reader: J. Brooker

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 \$2.50 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.

We welcome the New Year with wishes of health and goodness to each other. 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.

The offering envelopes for 2018 are available for pick-up from the table in the narthex.

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. Jan. 14th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Tues. Jan. 16th - 1:00 p.m. - BUC Book Club will meet in the narthex. Free choice of subject or a book you may have received for Christmas. Everyone is welcome. For further information call D. Worth.

Wed. Jan. 17th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome.

Wed. Jan. 17th - 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Sun. Jan. 21st – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Council meeting in the narthex.

Thurs. Jan. 25th - 2:00 p.m. - BUC Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome.

Sun. Jan. 28th – 11:00 a.m. – Mission Sunday led by the Community and Global Partnership Team. Following the service there will be a soup lunch. The cost for soup is \$7.00 per person; children are free.

Sun. Feb. 4th -11:00 a.m. – Black History Worship Service with the celebration of **Holy Communion.**

Sun. Feb. 4th - The Sharing Table will be held right after lunch. Suitable items to share with the congregation can be things pertaining to Valentine's Day, such as candies, chocolates, red things or anything of your choosing. Items can be new or gently used. Everyone is welcome to participate and have fun choosing a free item to take home.

Tuesday, Feb. 6 – 7:15 p.m. – M&P Committee meets in the narthex.

Sat. Feb. 10th - Women's Fellowship Circle Daybreak to be held at Momiji Seniors Centre. All women are welcome. Registration \$10 payable to R. Shikaze. Momiji residents please pay L. Hirowatari. Coffee at 9:30 a.m. Session is from 10:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. **The guest speaker is Rev. J. Toward**, a spiritual intuitive, clairvoyant, and spiritual healer. She will share some of her story with us and offer individual readings to anyone who would like to receive one. Rev. Toward will tune into your energy field and offer insights into your life.

Sun. Feb. 11th – 11:00 a.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship Service followed by a pancake lunch provided by the men of the church. Cost \$7.00. Children are free.
1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the narthex. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Feb. 18th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent I – Family Day Service followed by a **potluck luncheon** sponsored by the Hospitality and Care Team. The service and luncheon will be held in Fellowship Hall. We encourage everyone to bring a favourite family food item either from your past or present. Please sign the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex so we know what you will be bringing. Thank you.

Annual Reports for 2017 are due on Jan. 28th. Please send reports to the church office at office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sun. Feb. 25, 2018

2018 Address Directory is available for purchase from L. Fujita. Cost is \$3 per copy.

Church Cancellation Notification Procedure: In the event of bad weather conditions, it may become necessary to cancel the Sunday worship service. - Here is how the decision will be made and how you will be notified: Rev. Cooper and C. MacLean (alternate K. Shikaze) will have a conversation before 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning and will decide whether or not to cancel the service that day. Those who are on the email list will be notified by 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, if in fact the service is going to be cancelled. - So, if the weather is bad, please check your email before heading off to church. Others will be notified by telephone by 8:30 a.m., or shortly thereafter.

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.

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.

Amadeus Choir Fundraiser, Songs from a Celtic Heart held on Sat. Feb. 3rd at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. The choir will perform several well-loved pieces from Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Cape Breton. Location: Jubilee United Church, 40 Underhill Drive, Toronto (DVP/Lawrence). Cost: \$50/40/25 and \$5 off if bought before Jan. 15th. Tickets available from J. Brooker.

Next Sunday, January 21, 2018

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: P. & P. Watanabe, K. Saito, L. Fusé

Scripture Reader: E. Scott