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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.

Black History Sunday and Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, February 4th, 2018 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" arr. Phillip Keveren

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Truth & Reconciliation, Call to Action 38 K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: My Lord, what a morning to celebrate the Black female freedom fighters in Canada.

All: Praise the Lord!

One: My Lord what a morning to honour the Black women advocates and activists who fought for change.

All: Hallelujah!

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One: My Lord, what a morning to celebrate You, to affirm ourselves as images of You, and to say,

All: "My Lord, what a morning to be strong, proud, brave and Yours in every way!"

One: Yes Lord, what a morning to worship and praise You!

All: Amen!!

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* **African-American Spiritual** "Down By the Riverside"

Poem (unison) "I Dream a World"

I dream a world where no one
No other person will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer saps the soul
Nor hoard of wealth infects our day.
A world I dream where black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And everyone is free,
Where wretchedness will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs of all humankind-
Of such I dream, my world!

- Langston Hughes

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 3:7-12

(God hears the cry of the enslaved and will liberate them.)

* **African-American Spiritual** "He's Got the Whole World"

A Time with the Young People

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

African-American Spiritual "He's Got the Whole World"
(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Oh yes, fix me, Jesus, fix me. Fix me so that I can walk on a little while longer. Fix me so that I can pray on just a little bit harder. Fix me so that I can sing on just a little bit louder. Fix me so that I can go on despite the pain, the fear, the doubt, and yes, the anger. I ask not that you take this cross from me, only that you give me the strength to continue carrying it onward 'til my dying day. Oh, fix me, Jesus, fix me. Amen. (African-American Prayer)

Assurance of Grace

Listening for God's Word

Gospel Lesson Luke 10:25-37
(Jesus teaches us how to treat one another.)

Anthem "Down to the River to Pray" arr. Sheldon Curry

Sermon "Celebrating Black Canadian Women" Rev. Cooper

Responding to God

Offering "Deserted Plantation" William Gillock

***Dedication** "Standing In the Need of Prayer"

It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

1. Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer.

Not my sister, not my brother, but it's me, O Lord,

Standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

(repeat verse 1 & chorus)

***Prayer**

Celebration of Holy Communion
(*Note: "Amen" Gospel version sung during prayer.)

***Hymn (480)** "Let us Break Bread Together"

The Invitation

Eucharist Prayer

One: God be with you.

Many: And with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Give thanks to the Lord your God.

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

One: From the beginning of time, You have been transforming and making new.

Many: O God send Your spirit upon us, transform and make us new.

Sung Amen

A---men! A---men! Amen, Amen, Amen.

A---men! A---men! Amen, Amen, Amen.

You, O God, are the Lord,

Amen

All things are Yours,

Amen

You give us life,

You give us the world ---

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Though we are broken

Amen

You love us still

Amen

You gave us Jesus

To be fully human ---

Amen, Amen, Amen.

He shared our life

Amen

He is the way

Amen

He suffered and died

To show us His love ---

Amen, Amen, Amen.

He rose from the dead **Amen**
He lives with You **Amen**
You sent Your Spirit
To live with us --- **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Blow, holy Wind **Amen**
Blow, holy Fire **Amen**
This bread, his body
This cup, his blood --- **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Come, Lord Jesus **Amen**
Come in your power **Amen**
Come with your justice
May all be one --- **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Joining together **Amen**
With all Creation **Amen**
Past, present, future
As we make this prayer--- **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Wine

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

Post-Communion Prayer (together)

God, we ask that You wrap Your Spirit around us, so that we may take nourishment, strength, hope and joy from this table. Deepen our faith, increase our willingness to serve and unite us in Your common love. Amen.

***Spiritual** “Give Me That Old Time Religion”

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen** (sung Amen – Gospel version)
A---men! A---men! Amen, Amen, Amen.
A---men! A---men! Amen, Amen, Amen.
A---men! A---men! Amen, Amen, Amen.
A---men! A---men! Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude “The Strenuous Life” Scott Joplin

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Sunday, February 4, 2018

Head Usher: T. Nakamichi

Ushers: D. Fam, M. Griffiths
 M. Kitagawa, G. Omoto

Scripture Reader: R. Bloor

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.

This morning's flowers are placed in loving memory of MARIANNE ABE by her family, as a first remembrance to a devoted mother and grandmother. Marianne was also a dear sister, aunt, cousin and friend to many in our congregation. The lovely Ikebana arrangement was created by G. Omoto. 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.

"February is Observer Month": Renewal time for the *United Church Observer* is fast approaching. For those who have not yet renewed, you can do so by placing \$25.00 in an Observer envelope found at the back of the church. If there are no more Observer envelopes, please use a regular envelope and mark it **"BUC Observer"** and place it in the offering plate. **Please make sure to include your name on the envelope.** If you are a new subscriber, please follow the same procedure. All renewals and all new subscriptions are due by February 25th, 2018. Thank you.

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

The Sharing Table will be held right after lunch. 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 sanctuary. 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.

Wed. Feb. 21st – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thurs. Feb. 22nd - 2:00 p.m. - Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Feb. 25th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 2 Worship Service followed by the Annual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. is choir practice in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Next Sunday, February 11, 2018

Head Usher: M. Kaneko

Ushers: L. Hirowatari, D. Honda,
C. Masuda, P. Widgery

Scripture Reader: E. Turnbull