

# 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.*

## Ash Wednesday Service on Sunday

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 11:00 a.m.

(\*congregation stands as able)

### Praising God

Prelude "There is a Balm in Gilead" arr. Phillip Keveren

Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean

Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action 39,40,41 I. Kagawa

Musical Interlude

### Call to Worship

One: Lent is a time to reflect on our lives.

**All: It is a time to release those inner thoughts and feelings that do not serve our highest good.**

One: Lent is a time to draw closer to God.

**All: As we journey through Lent, let us listen for God's voice to help guide and nurture our lives.**

One: Thanks be to God for God's steadfast love within us.

**\*Processional Hymn (626) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

### Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, we give thanks for Your nurturing Spirit within us. As we worship today, we come before You ready to release those hurts and pains that we have been holding on to. Help us O God, to fill our hearts and minds with thoughts of love and joy. May we all learn to live in the present moment so that we may be at peace with You and ourselves as we live each day. Amen.

### Scripture Reading Psalm 51

(Create in me a new heart, O God.)

**\*Hymn (MV 138) "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" vs.1,3**

**Our Lenten Project** -Lenten calendars-

**Hymn (MV 138) "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" vs. 2 & 4**  
(Young people leave for classes.)

### Prayer for Grace (unison)

For times when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, or when we act from motives other than love, God forgive us. When we do not feel the pain of others or ignore the needs of the helpless around us, God forgive us. On our Lenten journey, O God, remind us of Your vision as Your people. Help us to seek ways to meet the needs of others and renew our covenant of faith with You this day. Amen.

**Sung Assurance (266) "Amazing Grace" vs. 1 & 2**

### Listening for God's Word

**Second Reading** Joel 2:1-2; 12-17

(Repent and return to the Lord your God.)

**Anthem** "Look to the Rose" Joseph Martin

Reflection on Ashes Rev. Cooper

Women's Anthem "Standing Before Us" by Carole Etzler

**Responding to God**

Offering Petite Pièce #3 César Franck

\* Dedication (544) 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

**The Mark of the Ashes**

(You are invited to come forward to receive the ashes.)

**Prayer of the Ashes (together)**

God our Creator, You have formed us out of the dust and soil of the earth. May these ashes be to us a sign of our life and dependence on You. Grant that the oil of Your healing love may flow through our lives bringing transformation, healing and peace. Amen.

\*Hymn (105) "Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face"

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

\*Choral Amen (298) "When You Walk from Here"  
When you walk from here, when you walk from here,  
Walk with justice, walk with mercy  
and with God's humble care. (repeat)

Postlude "Here I Am, Lord" arr. J. Schrader

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**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

**Head Usher: B. Jackson**

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

**Scripture Reader:** E. Turnbull

**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 pancake lunch provided by the men of the church. Cost \$7.00. Children free. Our special thanks to the men & their helpers, for providing a delicious lunch for us today.

**Prayers and Concerns:** Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

**The women of our Women's Fellowship Circle** are very special. Thank you for all you do for the church throughout the year. 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. 11<sup>th</sup> – 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. Thank you, Men's Club!  
**1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service** in the sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Lenten Calendars** are available today. You are invited to bring back a donation on Easter Sunday. This year our Lenten Project is to support **Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders**, established in 1971, who believe all people have a right to medical care. Thank you for your support.

**Sun. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – 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. If you are not able to bring a dish, please come ready to share your memory of a favourite family dish. Thank you.

**Tues. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 p.m. - BUC Book Club** will meet in the narthex. Free choice of subject. Everyone is welcome. For further information call B. Emms.

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

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

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

**Sun. March 4<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 3 Worship Service** followed by a stew lunch sponsored by the Community and Global Ministry Team. Cost is \$8.00 per person. Children are free. Donations of Japanese food and baked goods are welcome for the Food Sales Table. All proceeds go to M&S.

**Tues. March 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 p.m. – M&P Committee meeting** in the narthex.

**Wed. March 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting** in the narthex.

**Sun. March 11<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 4 Worship Service.**  
**1:00 p.m. - Japanese Language Service** in the sanctuary.  
**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.

**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 18, 2018**

**Head Usher: M. Kaneko**

**Users:** H. & C. Ichiyen, C. MacLean, M. Murakami

**Scripture Reader:** M. Kitagawa