

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 of Lent

Sunday, February 25th, 2018 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "What Wondrous Love is This" arr. John Carter

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action 42 & 43 D. Domelle

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: The season of Lent invites us on a sacred journey.

All: We seek the way of Christ.

One: God calls us to refocus our vision and receive God's promise.

All: May we attempt great things in service of the Spirit.

One: Let us give thanks for the Holy Wings that hover over us!

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***Processional Hymn (373)** "As Comes the Breath of Spring"

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of hope and promise, You inspire us with a vision for the future. You set before us the path of faithfulness and call us to trust in You, even when the way is challenging. We marvel at Abraham's commitment to Your vision, and Jesus' courage to follow Your path, knowing the risks involved. May our worship renew Your purpose and give us the strength to live as Your people. Amen.

Gospel Lesson Mark 8:31-35

(Those who lose their life for the gospel will save it.)

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

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 (MV 138) "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" vs. 2 & 4

(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Loving God, on this journey of life, be our companion and guide. Give us a boost when we are discouraged; nudge us forward when we are stuck; hold our hand when we are fearful; shine a light when we are unsure of the way. Refresh us in Your presence, renew us in Your purpose, remake us in Your image. Empowering Love, grant us a measure of Your eternal grace to face whatever may come. May Your Spirit free us to live with steadfast faith and commitment, as Jesus did. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: The Good News is that there is no divide God cannot cross and no separation God cannot bridge.

All: God loves us and reaches out to embrace us all with love and compassion.

One: Thanks be to God!

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
(The covenant between Abram, Sarai and God.)

Epistle Lesson Romans 4:13-25
(God's promise is received by faith.)

Anthem "It's my Desire" Freda Bagley/ Horace Boyer

Sermon "The Covenant Continues" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (508)** "Just As I Am" vs. 1, 3 & 4

Responding to God

Offering Mazurka, Op. 39 #10 Tchaikovsky

*** 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**

The Prayers of the People

***Recessional Hymn (634)** "To Abraham and Sarah"

***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 Prelude in B-flat major, WTC 1 J.S. Bach

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Sunday, February 25, 2018

Head Usher: B. Jackson
Ushers: H. & I. Kagawa, P. Widgery
Scripture Reader: B. Kai

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!

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

This morning's flowers are placed by **M. Ito and family.**
A 10th year remembrance of **Mark Ito**, dear husband, father

and grandfather. Forever in their hearts. 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 can 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.

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. The programs we will support are MUAC Measure 50 bracelets for \$25.00, 4 mosquito nets for \$25.00, bicycle for \$26-100.00, and send a doctor to the field for a day \$100-250.00. Thank you for your support.

Today, Sun. Feb. 25th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 2 Worship Service. Everyone is invited for pancake lunch provided by the men of the church. Cost \$7.00. Children are free.

1:00 p.m. - Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall.

Sun. March 4th – 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 6th – 7:15 p.m. – M&P Committee meeting in the narthex.

Wed. March 7th – 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Sun. March 11th – 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.

Thurs. March 15th - 2:00 p.m. - Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our annual **St. Patrick's Day Celebration** will be held on **Saturday, March 17th at 5:30 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. This year, tickets will not be sold. Cost of admission is a contribution to the potluck dinner or help with set-up, entertainment or clean-up. Please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact L. Fujita. If you wish to attend but are not able to help or cook, you can provide a donation to L. Fujita who will arrange for some food to be made on your behalf. We hope to see you all in your Irish finery.

Sun. March 18th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 5 Worship Service.
1:00 p.m. – Council meeting in the narthex.

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

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.

New Member Classes: If you are a youth 14+ or an adult and would like to become a member of BUC, please speak to Rev. Cooper.

If you are new to BUC and would like to be on our mailing list, please contact K. Shikaze with your email or phone number. Thank you.

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, Mar. 4, 2018

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: J. Takahashi, E. Turnbull, K. Koyama, M. Sakamoto

Scripture Reader: H. Ichiyen