

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 11th, 2018 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude Prelude on "St. Cross" Healey Willan

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action 46 & 47 I. Kagawa

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: God's voice is inviting us into the wilderness.

All: It is the place where spiritual discoveries begin.

One: Let us worship God, the Giver and Sustainer of life.

All: We trust in God's mercy and guidance to lead us through to the Promised Land.

*Hymn (240) "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" vs. 1-4

Opening Prayer (unison)

We gather to worship You, God of the wilderness and the Promised Land. Help us to remember that even the wilderness can be a place of blessing, for You are there. Turn our despair into hope, our sorrow into joy, our anxiety into peace, our complaints into praise and thanksgiving. Fill us with strength and courage to face our fears and discover the path that leads to healing and wholeness, as Jesus did. Amen.

Hebrew Lesson Numbers 21: 4-9
(God's cure for snake bites.)

*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)

One: O God, where our hearts are fearful and limited,

All: Grant us freedom and daring.

One: Where anxiety is contagious and spreading,

All: Grant us peace and reassurance.

One: Where possibilities close every door and window.

All: Grant us trust and imagination.

One: Where hurt is unaddressed and unrelieved,

All: Grant us understanding and healing.

One: Where spirits are daunted and dimmed,

All: Grant us soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

Amen.

Assurance Sung (MV 154) "Deep in Our Hearts" (vs. 1 & 4)

Listening for God's Word

Psalm Reading Psalm 107:1-9
(God's love endures forever.)

Gospel Lesson John 3: 14-21
(God's promise to save as we turn to the light.)

Solo "The Wilderness" Eric Thiman
Soloist: S. Vidovic

Sermon "Facing Our Fears" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (274)** "Your Hand, O God, has Guided" vs. 1 & 5

Responding to God

Offering "Evening Twilight" Stephen Heller

*** 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 (258)** "O World of God"

***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 and Fugue in C Minor J.S. Bach

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Sunday, March 11, 2018

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: K. Shikaze, L. Fusé

Scripture Reader: J. Bennett

After the service last week, everyone enjoyed a stew lunch and also a sale of baked goods and Japanese food. Thanks to **I. Kagawa** and her Community and Global Partnerships Team and everyone who supported and helped to make this event a success. The proceeds of \$826.50 will be donated to the UCC Mission and Service Fund.

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.

Flowers remind us of a peaceful and grateful life. If you care to donate flowers for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoriam or for a special occasion, please contact A. Kunihiro by Wednesday prior to a service.

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. 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.

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.

Tues. March 20th - 1:00 p.m. - BUC Book Club will meet in the narthex. Free choice of subject. Everyone is welcome. For further information contact B. Emms.

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

Sun. March 25th – 11:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday Service with the celebration of **Holy Communion** and special music from the choir.

Fri. March 30th – 11:00 a.m. – Good Friday Service to remember the last day of Jesus' life. Followed by refreshments.

Sun. April 1st – 11:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through word and song. Please remember to bring your Lenten offering. Thank you.

Sun. April 8th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. - Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Wed. April 11th – 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Sun. April 15th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Council meeting in the narthex.

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.

Sun. March 25, 3:00 p.m. - Chorus York, Richmond Hill: A Little Rock 'n' Pop. A matinée program of rock & pop favorites (Lennon & McCartney, Burt Bacharach, & others)
Artistic Director: Stéphane Potvin, Accompanist: Geoffrey Conquer
Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre St., Thornhill, ON L4J 1G5. Reg. \$25, Sr. \$20, Stu. \$15, Family \$55. www.chorusyork.ca/concerts; 905-884-7922.

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. 18, 2018

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: H. & K. Nagata, J. Bennett, K. Koyama

Scripture Reader: C. MacLean