

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 18th, 2018 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude	Prelude on "Nicaea"	Healey Willan
Welcome & Announcements		C. MacLean
Truth & Reconciliation/Calls to Action 48 & 49		S. Fukushima
Musical Interlude		

Call to Worship

One: God says to the people of Israel, "The time is coming..."

All: "when we must let go of old covenants and make new ones."

One: We are to open our minds and prepare to worship God with love on our hearts.

All: Let the seeds of new life be born anew in us today.

***Processional Hymn (232)** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"

Opening Prayer (unison)

We gather at the heart of God's love to worship and give thanks and praise. Let us seek to live God's covenant of new birth in this quiet time of worship. May seeds of hope, peace and justice be born in us this day. Nurture our spirits and guide our minds so that we may be open to God's leading in ourselves and in the world. Amen.

Hebrew Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

(God says, "I will write my law on their hearts.")

***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)

Holy God, we seek to be Your people of faith by following Your commands to love and care for one another and for You. Yet sometime we fall short. We get distracted and seek to only meet our own needs without consideration

for the wider community. We focus on self-preservation. Help us to surrender our minds to live out wholly Your purpose for living. Gift us with new growth and new opportunities so we may accomplish our responsibilities as Your people. Amen.

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

Listening for God's Word

Psalm Reading Psalm 119: 9-16
(We follow God's commands with joy.)

Gospel Lesson John 12: 20-26
(New life comes from a grain of wheat in the earth.)

Anthem "Take My Yoke Upon You" Williams/Nolan

Sermon "Surrendering to Love" Rev. Cooper

*Hymn (278) "In the Quiet Curve of Evening"

Responding to God

Offering From Ballade Op. 38 Chopin

* 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 (333) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. L. Shackley

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Sunday, March 18, 2018

Head Usher: S. Hu

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

Scripture Reader: C. MacLean

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.

The flowers are placed this morning by R. and K. Shikaze in memory of loved ones. 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.

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 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 light refreshments. If you can do a reading, please speak to Rev. Cooper.

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.

Wed. April 18th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. April 22nd – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Healing Prayer Service in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend this reflective and meditative service. There will be an opportunity for individual prayers and laying on of hands for anyone who would like this.

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

Sun. March 25, 3:00 p.m. - Chorus York, Richmond Hill: A Little Rock 'n' Pop. A matinée program of Lennon & McCartney, Burt Bacharach, & others. Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre St., 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. 25, 2018

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: C. Masuda, P. Widgery, K. Shikaze

Scripture Reader: L. Clubine-Ito