

# 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 Easter

Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 11:00 a.m.  

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(\*congregation stands as able)

### Praising God

**Prelude** "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"  
arr. Phillip Keveren  
**Welcome & Announcements** K. Shikaze  
**Truth & Reconciliation**, Calls to Action #53 & 54  
S. Fukushima

### Musical Interlude

### Call to Worship

One: The risen Christ meets us at the tomb,  
**All: And turns our tears to joy.**  
One: The risen Christ comes to us through locked doors,  
**All: And turns our fear to courage.**  
One: The risen Christ comes to our daily life and work,  
**All: And turns our despair to hope.**

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One: Come let us celebrate that Christ is with us!

**\*Processional Hymn (164)** "The Day of Resurrection"

### Opening Prayer (unison)

O God of Resurrection faith, we feel the stirrings of spring and give thanks for new forms of life all around us. We give thanks that we can bring our doubts to worship just as Thomas approached the risen Christ with his doubts. You accept us as we are, mixtures of light and darkness, doubt and faith. May we seek to be Your people as we worship this day. Amen.

**Hebrew Scripture** Psalm 133  
(The joy of living in unity.)

**\* Hymn (224)** "Sing a Happy Hallelujah" (vs. 1, 2, 3)

### Time with the Young People

### 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 (224)** "Sing a Happy Hallelujah" (vs. 1, 4)

(Young people leave for classes.)

**Prayer for Grace (unison)**

Transforming God, sometimes we doubt that new life is possible when we have setbacks. We quickly crawl back into old cocoons, old habits and old routines that take away our zest for living. Against all odds, the discouraged followers of Jesus felt Him to be present and as a result, they came out of hiding. Help us when we get discouraged to come out of hiding, to meet new life and new changes with renewed energy and strength. May we be open to the risen Christ walking with us on life's journey. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**

One: In Christ, all walls are broken down.

**All: Through the Spirit, all wounds are healed.**

One: With God, new life begins again and again.

**All: We are an Easter people, thanks be to God!**

**Listening for God's Word**

**Epistle Reading** Acts 4:32-35  
(The believers share their possessions.)

**Gospel Lesson** John 20:19-31  
(Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus for himself.)

**Anthem** "Open My Eyes That I May See" Clara H. Scott  
arr. Hopson

**Sermon** "A Journey of Faith" Rev. C. Cooper

**\*Hymn (186)** "Now the Green Blade Rises" vs. 1,3,4

**Responding to God**

**Offering** Old French Song Tchaikovsky

**\* Dedication 518** "As Those of Old..." verse 2

**A world in need now summons us  
to labour, love, and give,  
to make our life an offering  
to God, that all may live.**

**The church of Christ is calling us  
to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love,  
all life in Christ made new.**

**\*Prayer**

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Hymn (173)** "Thine Is the Glory"

**\*Commissioning and Benediction**

**\*Choral Amen (586)** "We Shall Go Out" vs. 1  
**We shall go out with hope of resurrection;  
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;  
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;  
tales of a love that will not let us go.  
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;  
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;  
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united  
within the vision of new life in Christ.**

**Postlude** Prelude in G Minor, WTC Bk. 1 J.S. Bach

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**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

**Head Usher: T. Nakamichi**

**Ushers: H. & I. Kagawa, C. MacLean, D. Fam**

**Scripture Reader: P. Watanabe**

**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.

**Our deepest sympathies** to the family of **Sue Nakashima** who passed away on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Visitation will be held at McDougall and Brown Funeral Home, 2900 Kingston Road, on April 14 from 2 – 4 p.m. followed by a funeral service at 4 p.m.

**Our deepest sympathies** to the family of **Jim Sakamoto** who passed away on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Visitation will be held at Highland Funeral Home, 3280 Sheppard Ave. East. on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 3 to 5 p.m. followed by a service at 5:00 p.m.

**Our deepest sympathies** to the family of **Kay Astle** who passed away on Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will be held at Highland Funeral Home, 3280 Sheppard Ave. East. on Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 11 a.m. followed by a service at 11:00 a.m.

**The flowers** this morning are presented to recognize the courage of American youth with their marches and brave stand against gun violence. **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.

**Please feel free** to contact Rev. Cindy anytime, at 416-447-5941 (church office). Thank you.

**Lost and Found** box in the narthex is full and some items have been there for almost a year. If you have lost items, could you please check. There are shoes, sunglasses, scarves, etc. Anything not claimed by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** will be donated to charity.

**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.

**Today, Sun. April 8<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service**  
**1:00 p.m. - Japanese Language Service** in the sanctuary.

**Wed. April 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting** in the narthex.

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

**Tues. April 17<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 contact M.Griffiths.

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

**Sun. April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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.

**Thurs. April 26<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. Worship Service at Momiji.**

Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Sun. April 29<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service**

**1:00 p.m. – Hospitality and Care meeting** in the Sunday school room.

**Sun. May 6<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service** led by T.

MacNeil. He is completing his master of Divinity this spring and is hoping to be ordained by Toronto Conference at the end of May.

**The Sharing Table will take place on May 6<sup>th</sup>.** You are invited to bring in new or gently used items to share with the congregation. Suitable items can relate to Mother's Day i.e. flowers, chocolates, jewellery, plants, books or anything of your choosing. This is a time to mix and mingle and have fun choosing a free item to take home. All are welcome to participate.

**Sun. May 13<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Mother's Day Worship Service**

followed by a hot dog lunch provided by the men of our congregation.

**1:00 p.m. - Japanese Language Service** in the sanctuary.

**Choir practice is at 7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. If you like to sing, please join us!

**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, Apr. 15, 2018**

**Head Usher: M. Kaneko**

**Ushers: L. Hirowatari, D. Honda, M. Kitagawa, K. Saito**

**Scripture Reader: L. Fusé**