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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.

Thanksgiving Sunday and Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, October 7th, 2018 11:00 a.m.

(* indicates please stand as you are able)

Praising God

Prelude "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" arr. Phillip Keveren

Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean

Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action 71,72 S. Fukushima

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: When our eyes sparkle with wonder at a mountain's magnificent glory—

All: we shout 'Amen!' for the gift of God's creation!

One: When our ears twitch with awe at the honking of geese gliding overhead--

All: we clap our hands with joy for the gift of God's

creation.

One: When our mouths burst with delight at the bounty of our Thanksgiving feasts—

All: we sing with praise and offer our abundant thanks to God.

One: As we gather round God's table, to feast on God's love,

All: We bring our hunger so we can be fed, we bring our emptiness so we can be filled, and we bring ourselves, so we can be loved.

One: Let us celebrate this universal Creator of creation and sacrament, where all are welcomed at God's table.

* **Hymn (516)** "Come, You Thankful People, Come" vs. 1,2,3
(Young people are invited to go to classes.)

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of all Creation, thank You for the beautiful colours of autumn and for the harvest that nourishes our bodies and sustains our spirits. Today we especially praise You for the gift of animals. We are grateful for those who pollinate our plants, fertilize our lands and provide us with food to nourish our bodies. May we all feel the blessings of God's creation in our lives this day. Amen

Prayer Response (381) "Spirit of Life"

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Compassionate God, on this World Wide Communion Sunday, help us to seek ways for us to be at one with all people. Enable us to knock down the walls we create between people because we are different. Inspire us to be Your family so we can live together in harmony and in joy. Fill us, O God, with Your positive and unifying Spirit as we worship and praise You. Amen.

Sung Assurance (400) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
(repeat once)

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Reading Joel 2:21-27
(Do not fear, for God will provide for you.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:25-33
(Jesus calls us to trust in God, who provides for all of creation.)

Anthem "Thanks Be to Thee" Handel arr. Marcus Riley

Sermon "Don't Worry, God Provides" Rev. Cooper

* **Hymn (226)** "For the Beauty of the Earth" vs. 1-3
(tune 81)

Responding to God

Offertory Sonata K. 34 Domenico Scarlatti
* **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**

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

One: People of faith, welcome to this table of blessings!

All: We seek to be fed and nurtured.

One: People of faith, bring your doubts and fears and leave them at this table.

All: Christ meets us here and accepts each one of us just as we are.

One: People of faith, let us unite with Christians everywhere as we satisfy our hunger and deepen our faith.

***Communion Hymn (469)** "We Gather Here"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: God, we give You thanks for the richness of the world You have created.

**All: We celebrate the purple mountains soaring above
wildflower plains, where grasses raise their heads to meet
the summer breeze.**

One: You send clouds floating endlessly around the sky and set stars to twinkle upon the earth with joy and delight.

**All: You call the dolphins to dance and play in the waves,
and the giraffes to saunter endlessly across the desert
sands.**

One: We see Your image glowing in the faces of children playing together on playgrounds, and we delight in Your voice shining through the hearts of all people who seek to live in a spirit of love.

**All: We shout "Amen!" as You give us life so that we may
live together in this world flowing with milk and honey.**

One: As we gather around this table, remind us of other tables around the world. Let us see the many hands breaking bread. Let us see the many cups raised up for a blessing.

All: Remind us, O God, that this table knows no limits. Help us to stretch this table from one horizon to the other, with all the faithful gathered around it.

One: As we eat the bread and drink from the cup, may Your Spirit seek to fill us and our world. Teach us, O God, the way of the bread, the source of life, and the way of the cup, the life in our veins. Unite us in Your Spirit of faith and love as we celebrate Your gift to us. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Please wait until all have been served before you eat & drink.)

Post-Communion Prayer (unison)

Loving God, we have been fed here by Your love. Thank You for the ways in which You care for us and others. We give thanks for Your gift of creation and pray that one day we may all be one in Your Spirit. Touch our lives with Your Spirit and send us forth with love and gratitude. Amen.

*** Hymn** "Bringing in the Sheaves"

1. Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:

**Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

2. Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,

We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Refrain

3. Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Refrain

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (424)**

**May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

Postlude "Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God" Crüger
arr. Joel Raney

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Ushers: J. Nogami, K. Saito, E. Turnbull

Scripture Reader: P. Widgey

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 \$3.00 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.

Autumn is a time of plenty. The Thanksgiving cornucopia is created and placed by the **Takasaki family**. This harvest will be taken to the Lansing Food Bank.

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. Cooper anytime, at 416-447-5941 (church office). Thank you.

Any congregation member who is interested in singing with the **choir** is invited to attend choir practices on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Alternatively you may speak to K. Quinton regarding practicing with recordings at home, which some of our singers do.

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.

Daily Bread subscriptions are now due. Please place \$5 in an envelope with your name and mark Daily Bread. Thank you, K. Saito.

Today, Sun. Oct. 7th – 11:00 a.m. – Thanksgiving Sunday and the celebration of World Wide Communion.

Thurs. Oct. 11th – 9:30 am Bazaar Food Prep in the BUC kitchen (chopping vegetables). Please bring a cutting board, head cover and lunch.

Fri. Oct. 12th – 9:30 am Bazaar Food Prep at the JCC (cooking udon, etc.). Please bring a head cover, apron and lunch.

11 am to 2 pm & 5 pm to 6 pm – Bazaar Set-up at the church. Everyone welcome to help.

Saturday, October 13th - Noon to 3 p.m. - 2018 Food & Craft Bazaar - Please invite your family and friends to attend and offer your assistance to make this event a success.

Delicious udon will be served and yummy BBQ hamburgers made to order. Japanese food including chow mein, sushi & manju, preserves and pickles as well as baked goods for sale. Great shopping for plants, crafts and gently used household goods and toys. Lots of great items to bid on in the Silent Auction and a K. Koyama original painting has been donated for the Raffle.

Due to space limitations we are unable to accept donations of used clothing, footwear, or books. Items can be dropped off on Sunday morning. Please contact the church office to arrange a time to drop off items during the week.

We have a high demand for Japanese food for the sale table and appreciate all donations. Again this year, tickets for the udon lunch will be sold before noon but there will be no sales in the food sales area before noon. This includes volunteers and their families. We appreciate your understanding.

Attention high school students!

Get **volunteer hours** for helping out at the 2018 Food and Craft Bazaar on Saturday October 13th ~11:30 - 4 pm. We need help with food servers, sales tables, and clean up. To sign up and get more information contact C. MacLean .

Sun. Oct. 14th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service followed by a Mini Bazaar.

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

Tues. Oct. 16th – 7:15 p.m. – M&P meeting in the narthex.

Wed. Oct. 17th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Oct. 21st – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service. Guest speaker is B. Neely. She is a lay licensed worship leader and a member of Home United Church, where Rev. Cooper was a former minister.

1:00 p.m. – Council meeting in the narthex.

Tues. Oct. 23rd - 1:00 p.m. - BUC Book Club will meet in the narthex. Free choice of subject. Everyone is welcome. For further information contact Y. Yiang.

Wed. Oct. 24th – 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Thurs. Oct. 25th – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Oct. 28th – 11:00 a.m. – World Food Day Service with guest speaker M. Truelove, coordinator of St. James United Church Food Basket. Following the service we will have Stone Soup. Everyone is invited to bring one cup of veggies for the soup. Cost of soup: \$5.00 to support the food bank.

12:30 p.m. – Hospitality and Care meeting in the Sunday School room.

Sun. November 4th – 11:00 a.m. - Annual Memorial Worship Service to remember loved ones who have passed away since Oct. 2017. Everyone is invited to a complimentary lunch following the service. If you have had a loved one or friend pass away this past year, please let Rev. Cooper know their name and date of passing by Oct. 28th. Thank you.

Sun. Nov. 11th – 11:00 a.m. - Remembrance Sunday Service. Everyone is invited to a complimentary lunch following the service.

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

Newsletter: The Deadline for submitting articles for the next church newsletter is Nov. 4th. Please submit articles to M. Leone in the office.

Lansing United Church (49 Bogert Ave.) Nearly New Shop is now open. They are happy to receive your gently used clothing, toys, kitchenware, shoes, jewelry, baby clothes, bedding, and other linen goods. They cannot accept stuffed toys, appliances or baby furniture or car seats. Items can be dropped off Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings until 8:30 p.m. Thank you for your support.

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, October 14th, 2018

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