

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 after Epiphany Baptism of Jesus Sunday

Sunday, January 13th, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine" P. Smith arr. Berry

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Where do we find ourselves when the Christmas angels disappear and no longer sing of peace and good will?

All: **When the shepherds go back to their flocks and the magi return home?**

One: Where do we find ourselves when the Christ Child has outgrown his manger bed and

All: **When Jesus has finished his learning at the temple?**

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One: Jesus calls us to join him at the River Jordan, to be baptized with him and receive the Holy Spirit.

All: **Let us find ourselves at the river, beside Jesus as we worship.**

*Hymn (100) "When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, Whose presence is found in the beauty of the sunrise and in the life of One rising out of the Jordan, we gather to receive Your blessings. Your voice has called and we have come. May we be touched by the healing energies of Your presence as we bathe in the water of Your love. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 43:1-7

(God calls us by name, protects and blesses us.)

*Hymn (577) "I've Got Peace like a River" vs. 1 & 2

A Time with the Children

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (unison) V.U. pg. 921

Hymn (577) "I've Got Peace like a River" vs. 3
(Young people leave for classes.)

Affirmation of Our Baptismal Faith (unison)

I believe in the power of baptism.

I believe that something deeper than I know happens and I am bound forevermore to a life that is ancient yet born anew in me.

I believe in the power of baptism to transcend time and space and call me to discipleship with Christ.

The muddy waters of the Jordan River

that swirl over him,

merge with the clear waters of the baptismal font

that splash on me

and we become one as those waters are one.
 I am no longer my own or on my own.
 I believe in the power of baptism to shake the heavens
 and my world.
 I believe in the power of the Spirit's touch
 and those baptized find themselves
 made new, made beloved, made whole.
 I believe in the power of baptism
 to call us to ourselves and to Christ.
 I believe in the power of baptism
 to immerse us in the waters of blessing
 and send us forth, wet and wild with hope,
 to be a blessing ourselves.

Listening for God's Word

Epistle Reading Acts 8:14-17
 (Peter and John baptized the converts in Samaria.)

Gospel Lesson Luke 3: 15-17 and 21-22
 (Jesus is baptized and affirmed by God.)

Anthem "Open My Eyes, That I May See" arr. Hal Hopson

Sermon "Living the Spirit" Rev. Cooper
***Hymn (375)** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" vs. 1 & 3

Responding to God

Offering Waltz in D Major W.A. Mozart

*** Dedication** (MV 182)

**Refrain: Grateful for the life You give us,
 Thankful for Your Holy Son,
 Joyful in Your Spirit flowing
 Over all, O God of Love.
 Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
 Thankful for Your Holy Word,
 Joyful in Your mercy flowing,**

We will praise You.
 May our lives proclaim Your justice,
 May our voices sing Your praise.
 May our hands work in Your service
 To the glory of Your name. (Refrain)

*Prayer

Prayers of the People

***Hymn (380)** "She Comes Sailing on the Wind"

*Commissioning and Benediction

***Choral Amen (More Voices 216)** "Wherever You May Go"
Refrain: written by David Kai

**Wherever You may go, I will follow,
 And Your people shall be my people too.
 Wherever You may go, I will follow,
 For I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

Say the word and I will stay,
 I will never go away,
 We will travel side by side
 And God's love will be our guide. **(refrain)**

Postlude "Deep River" arr. Larry Shackley

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Sunday, January 13th, 2019

Head Usher: S. Hu
Ushers: H. and I. Kagawa,
 K. Koyama, and M. Cruise
Scripture Reader: L. Clubine-Ito

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.

Our deepest sympathies to J. Maikawa and the family with the passing of Tom on Jan. 5th, 2019. The visitation will take place on Tuesday, January 15th, 7-9 p.m. and on Wednesday, January 16th, from 12-1 p.m. followed by a Memorial Service at 1 p.m. at Highland Funeral Home (Sheppard and Warden). Our prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

Congratulations to new grandparents K. and B. Campbell whose first grandchild, was born on Friday, December 28th, 2018.

The beginning of a new year counts as another milestone; a gift of life to enjoy. If you care to donate flowers for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoria or for a special occasion, please contact **C. Ichiyen** by Wednesday prior to a service.

The offering envelopes for 2019 will be available for pick-up from the table set up in the narthex.

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

Call for Choir Members: Any congregation member who would enjoy singing with the **choir** is invited to attend choir

practice on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. All voices are welcome (and particularly sopranos at the moment). Practice recordings of our music are always made available, and many anthems are also on YouTube, if you are not able to attend on Thursdays. (Several of our members participate in this way.) Please speak with K. Quinton.

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. Jan. 13th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Tues. Jan. 15th - 1:00 p.m. - BUC Book Club will meet in the narthex. Free choice of subject. We welcome new people to join us. For further information contact R. Sheppard.

Wed. Jan. 16th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome to attend.
7:00 p.m. – Worship team meeting in the narthex.

Sun. Jan. 20th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Council Meeting in the narthex.

Thurs. Jan. 24th – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Jan. 27th – 11:00 a.m. – Mission Sunday led by the Community and Global Partnership Team. Following the service there will be a soup lunch. The cost for soup is \$7.00 per person; children are free.

Sun. Feb. 3rd – 11:00 a.m. – Worship service with celebration of Holy Communion.
12:30 p.m. – Sharing Table

Sun. Feb. 10th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Tues. Feb. 12 – 7:15 p.m. – M&P Meeting in the narthex.

Sun. Feb. 17th – 11:00 a.m. – Family Day Worship Service and Pot Luck Luncheon held downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage everyone to bring a favourite family food item from your past or present, if you are able to. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Happy cooking! sponsored by the Hospitality and Care Team.

Annual Reports for 2018 are due on Jan. 27th. Please send reports to church office, office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sun. Feb. 24th, 2019.

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, 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 close friend or 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.

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

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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. Please do not attempt to come if you are not comfortable going out in the snowy weather.

Sunday January 20th, 2019

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: D. Fam, H. & K. Nagata, K. Saito

Scripture Reader: B. Haddock