

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 after Epiphany Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, February 3rd, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "We Gather Together" arr. Phillip Keveren

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Truth & Reconciliation Call to Action 86 I. Kagawa

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: We come ready to experience the transforming power of God's love in our lives.

All: Just think, water into wine, startled servants,

One: Pleased guests and an astonished host!

All: What more could we ask for in our day?

One: Except to say, "Thank You, gracious God!"

All: For dough kneaded into bread, grapes crushed into wine.

One: Simple gifts, yet powerful metaphors of God's divine love for us.

All: Touch our spirits with hope and joy as we worship and praise You this hour.

***Processional Hymn (395) "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"**
(Young people leave for classes.)

Opening Prayer (unison)

Limitless God, You can turn fears into faith, absence into abundance, and despair into delight. Help us to believe in the amazing possibilities You place before us. Renew our trust in life and equip us to live fully and wholly as Your people. May we be Your vessels of love and light, grace and generosity wherever we go. May You shine brightly in our lives forever. Amen.

Prayer Response (381) VU "Spirit of Life"

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Holy Host of Life's Banquet, as we worship with You, we cherish our connection to You and to one another. Help us when we drift in different directions to know we grow from the same vine of trust and harmony. Help us to experience our interconnectedness as your people of hope and promise as we worship. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: God's hope and light live within and around each of us.

All: Let us seek to keep God's light for our future alive in our hearts as we walk in God's grace. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Psalm Reading Psalm 36:5-10

(God's steadfast love extends to the heavens.)

Gospel Lesson John 2:1-11
 (The wedding in Cana.)

Anthem "God's Endless Love" Robert J. Powell

Sermon "Breaking with Tradition" Rev. Cooper

Responding to God

Offering "Longing" Cornelius Gurlitt

* **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**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God is with us.

All: We are not alone.

One: Christ is present.

All: The Spirit is among us.

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks.

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

One: Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth, we recognize the fullness of Your grace: light, life and love. You are revealed to us in words that comfort us, in teachings that challenge us and in the compassion that heals and frees us.

All: Now we gather at this table to remember and to be filled with such longing for heaven on earth, that we may rise together to follow Your Way.

One: Blessed are You, gracious God, Creator of Light, Giver of Life, Source of Love. At Your Word creation dawns. Under your rainbow the floods recede. With a burning bush You hallow the earth. By a pillar of fire, You guide Your people.

All: You placed angels in the sky and a star in the eastern sky. You sent Jesus to be the light of the world, to heal the sick, to befriend the stranger, to stand up for the oppressed and to give his life in service to others.

One: Jesus, gift from God, lived so that we might know what it is like to walk with each other in justice and in communion with God.

All: Through the ages, Your Spirit has moved and touched the lives of Your people and anointed them for witness and service.

One: Send now Your Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and cup. May they be for us the remembering of the Holy One's love, grace and purpose. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Please wait until all have been served before you eat & drink.
The bread is gluten free.)

Post-Communion Prayer (together)

Life-giving God, may we who share Christ's body, be Your bread of blessing; we who drink his cup, bring new life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Wrap us in Your Holy Presence and lead us out into the world, remembering that we are Your people as we celebrate Your life within us. Amen.

***Recessional Hymn (481)** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

***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 "The Girl with the Flaxen Hair" Debussy

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Sunday February 3rd, 2019
Head Usher: T. Nakamichi
Ushers: P. & T. Takasaki,
S. & E. Turnbull
Scripture Reader: E. Scott

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.

This morning's flowers are placed **in loving memory of Marianne Abe by her children.** A second year remembrance of a devoted mother, grandmother, dear sister, aunt and friend to many in the congregation. The peaceful Ikebana is created by G. Omoto. 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.

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.

Sun. Feb. 3rd – 11:00 a.m. – Worship service with the celebration of Holy Communion.

12:30 p.m. – Sharing Table

The Sharing Table will be held right after lunch. Everyone is welcome to participate and have fun choosing a free item to take home.

Mon. Feb. 4th – 1 p.m. – Bridge Group will meet in the narthex. Everyone is welcome. The Bridge Group meets on the first Monday of each month. Contact J. or J. Bennett.

Sat. Feb. 9th – 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon - Building Resiliency:

Stress is a fact of life. However, some situations are more stressful than others – situations like renovating, moving, or family illness. Our reactions to stressors can leave us exposed to a variety of illnesses and injuries or can take us away from our life goals. Facilitated by Beverly Beuermann-King of Work Smart, Live Smart, this workshop will discuss valuable resiliency strategies that you can utilize to help you strive for optimal health. Location: Cummer Avenue United Church (temporary address: 349 Kenneth Avenue). To help us plan numbers, please contact the church office if you are interested in attending (416-222-5417 or office@cummeravenueuc.ca).

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 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.

Wed. Feb. 20th – 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. Feb. 24th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service – Black History Sunday followed by the Annual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Thurs. Feb. 28th - 2:00 p.m. - Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Mar. 3rd – 11:00 a.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship Service followed by a pancake lunch provided by the men of the church. Cost \$10.00 with proceeds going to M & S. Children are free.

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

Sun. March 17th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 2 - Worship Service.
1:00 p.m. – Council meeting in the narthex.

Confirmation Classes: If any young people 14 years or older would like to learn more about the Christian Church and The United Church, please speak to Rev. Cooper as soon as possible. Classes will begin in March.

2019 Directory of Members and Friends - We are in the process of updating our directory. Please look at the entry for your name in the draft in the black binder in the narthex and make any necessary corrections. If your entry is correct, please initial so we know you have checked it. If you know of anyone who should be added or removed from the directory,

please notify M. Leone at office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca or by phone at 416-447-5941.

We hope to issue a new directory in March. Please check the current draft by the end of February. Thank you.

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

Sunday February 10th, 2019

Head Usher: B. Jackson

**Ushers: P. Watanabe, P. Widgery,
T. & E. Yuan**

Scripture Reader: P. Widgery