

# 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.*

## Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Family Day

Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(\*congregation stands as able)

### Praising God

**Prelude** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Lowell Mason  
arr. Cindy Berry

**Welcome & Announcements** K. Shikaze

**Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action** K. Shikaze

**Musical Interlude**

### Call to Worship

One: Let us celebrate God, who gave birth to the world and made us in God's image.

**All: We give thanks for the gift of life and for God with us.**

One: Today we celebrate the gift of family.

**All: We give thanks for all who surround our lives with love and care.**

One: We also celebrate the gift of a nurturing community.

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**All: We give thanks for all who reach out to embrace the whole world as their family.**

\*Hymn (395) "Part of the Family" vs. 1,2,4

### Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, babies, puppies and kittens are so eager to be loved. When we look into their eyes, we can't help but love and adore them. Help us O God, when we look at one another to express that same unconditional love. Deepen our love for one another until we become the inclusive, caring and loving family You intended us to be. Amen.

**First Reading** John 13:33-35  
(Jesus leaves us with the New Commandment.)

\*Hymn (289) "It Only Takes a Spark" vs. 1 and 2

### 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 (289) "It Only Takes a Spark" vs. 3  
(Young people leave for classes.)

**Prayer for Families (together)**

**Creator God, we give You thanks this day for our families. We know that there are many different kinds of families in our world today. Grant us grace to live together with respect for one another. Help us to honour each other's uniqueness. We pray for each member of our family that they may use the gifts of love, empathy, joy and delight as they relate with each other. As we reach out to You in prayer, surround our homes and churches with love and compassion as we honour one another with integrity and peace in our hearts and minds. Amen.**

**Listening for God's Word**

**Epistle Reading** 1 John 4:7-12; 19-21  
(If you love God, you are to love others.)

**Epistle Reading** 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
(What is love? Listen and God will tell us.)

**Anthem** "Hymn to Freedom" Oscar Peterson

**Celebrating Family**

**\*Hymn (602)** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" vs.1, 3 & 4

**Responding to God**

**Offering** "Innocence" Op. 203 #7 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**

**Prayers for Our Families**

**\*Hymn (556)** "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"

**\*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** "Dance" (Juba) R. Nathaniel Dett

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**Today, Sunday February 17th, 2019**

**Head Usher: B. Jackson**

**Ushers: J. Bennett, M. Cruise, M. Griffiths,  
K. Koyama**

**Scripture Reader: J. Bennett**

**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 to a potluck luncheon sponsored by the Hospitality and Care Team. The service and luncheon will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

**Special thanks** to the Hospitality & Care Team for helping with the service and for organizing the family luncheon. Great thanks to D. Yatabe for all your organization.

**Prayers and Concerns:** Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

**Altar flowers** are placed by **the Liddle family**. An eleventh year remembrance of dear mother, grandmother, **Kikue [Kay] Yamashita, nee Konishi**. 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.

If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please send them to M. Leone at [office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca) or call 416-447-5941 by Wednesday.

**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.

**"February is Observer Month"**

**Observer:** Renewal time for the *United Church Observer* is fast approaching. For those who have not yet renewed, you can do so by placing \$25.00 in a regular envelope and mark it **"BUC Observer"** and place it in the offering plate. **Please make sure to include your name on the envelope.** If you are a new subscriber, please follow the same procedure but please include **your name and mailing address** on the envelope. All renewals and all new subscriptions are due by February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact our BUC Observer Representative, S. Yamashita. Thank you.

**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. 17<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Family Day Worship Service and Pot Luck Luncheon** held downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Hospitality and Care Team.

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

**Tues. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> - 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 D. Worth.

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

**Sun. Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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 10<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 1 - Worship Service. 1:00 p.m. - Japanese Language Service** in the sanctuary.

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

**Sun. March 24<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 3 - Worship Service. 12:30 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.

**Sun. March 31<sup>st</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 4 - Worship Service.**

**The Youth Class will reconvene and meet in the library on March 3.** We are very grateful that Jessica Yuan has agreed to lead the Youth Class for one Sunday each month. Copies of the youth curriculum are available to anyone interested in joining as a volunteer leader for this class.

**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](mailto: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. 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. Please do not attempt to come if you are not comfortable going out in the snowy weather.

**Sunday February 24th, 2019**

**Head Usher: B. Jackson**

**Ushers: D. Fam, L. Hirowatari, M. Kaneko, M. Kitagawa**

**Scripture Reader: M. Kitagawa**