

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.

Black History Sunday

Sunday, February 24th, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "All My Trials" arr. Phillip Keveren
Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean
Truth & Reconciliation, Call to Action 91 S. Fukushima
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: My Lord, what a morning to celebrate Black railway porters who spoke out and worked to end prejudice and injustices for Black people in Canada.

All: Our Lord calls out to all oppressors, "Let my people go!"

One: My Lord brings hope and liberation to all who wait upon the Lord.

All: My Lord, what a day to worship and praise You!

One: Amen!

All: Amen!

***African-American Spiritual** "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho

Jericho Jericho

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho

And the walls came tumbling down

You may talk about the men of Gideon

You may talk about the men of Saul

But there's none like good old Joshua

At the battle of Jericho

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho

Jericho Jericho

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho

And the walls came tumbling down

Up to the walls of Jericho

He marched with spear in hand

Go blow them ram horns, Joshua cried

'Cause the battle is in my hands

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho

Jericho Jericho

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho

And the walls came tumbling down

Then the lamb ram sheep horns began to blow

The trumpets began to sound

Old Joshua shouted glory

And the walls came tumblin' down

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho

Jericho Jericho

Joshua fit the battle of Jericho

And the walls came tumbling down

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Opening Prayer (unison)

**Free at last, free at last,
Thank God Almighty, I'm free at last.**

**The very time I thought I was lost,
Thank God Almighty, I'm free at last;
My dungeon shook and my chains fell off,
Thank God Almighty, I'm free at last.**

**This is religion, I don' know.
Thank God Almighty I'm free at last;
For I never felt such a love before,
Thank God Almighty, I'm free at last. Amen.**

First Scripture Exodus 3:7-12
(God hears the cry of the enslaved and will liberate them.)

***African-American Spiritual** "This Little Light of Mine"
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, shine, shine
Let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, shine, shine
Let it shine!

All up in my house, I'm gonna let it shine
All up in my house, I'm gonna let it shine
All up in my house, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, shine, shine
Let it shine!

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Out there in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine
Out there in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine
Out there in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, shine, shine
Let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, shine, shine
Let it shine!

A Time with the Young People
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

African-American Spiritual "This Little Light of Mine"
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, shine, shine
Let it shine!

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, shine, shine
Let it shine!

(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Oh yes, fix me, Jesus, fix me. Fix me so that I can walk on a little while longer. Fix me so that I can pray on just a little bit harder. Fix me so that I can sing on just a little bit louder. Fix me so that I can go on despite the pain, the fear, the doubt, and yes, the anger. I ask not that you take this cross from me, only that you give me the strength to continue carrying it onward 'til my dying day. Oh, fix me, Jesus, fix me. Amen. (African-American Prayer)

Sung Assurance (670) "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" vs. 1
Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Listening for God's Word

Psalm 78:1-7
(Future generations shall trust in God.)

Hebrew Scripture Leviticus 19:1-2; 9-18
(Laws of holiness and justice.)

Anthem "Go Down Moses" arr. Eric Wild
P. Tibbles, solo

Sermon "Remembering Sleeping Car Porters" Rev. Cooper

* **African-American Spiritual** "We Shall Overcome"

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
We shall overcome someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We'll walk hand in hand someday.

The truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free,
The truth shall make us free someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
The truth shall make us free someday.

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall live in peace someday.

Responding to God

Offering "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" arr. Keveren
***Dedication** "Standing In the Need of Prayer"
It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
1. Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
Not my sister, not my brother, but it's me, O Lord,
Standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
It's me, it's me, it's me O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
(repeat verse 1 & chorus)

***Prayer**

Prayer of the People

***Spiritual** "Give Me That Old Time Religion"
Give me that old-time religion **(sing 3 times)**
And it's good enough for me.

It was good for the Hebrew children **(sing 3 times)**
And it's good enough for me.

It was good for our mothers **(sing 3 times)**
And it's good enough for me.

It has saved our fathers **(sing 3 times)**
And it's good enough for me.

Makes me love everybody **(sing 3 times)**
And it's good enough for me.

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen** (sung Amen – Gospel version)

A---men! A---men! Amen, Amen, Amen.

Postlude "Day Dream" Strayhorn/Ellington
arr. Justin Maisonneuve
John Brooker, saxophone

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Today, Sunday February 24th, 2019

Head Usher: B. Jackson

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

Scripture Reader: M. Kitagawa

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.

Altar flowers - Flowers which grace our morning's service bring the beauty of nature to our church. This morning's flowers are placed by K. and H. Nagata in appreciation of our church family. 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 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 contact 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 24th, 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. 24th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service – Black History Sunday followed by the Annual Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Tues. Feb. 26th - 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.

Wed. Feb. 27th 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

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.

Sun. March 24th – 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 31st – 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 J. 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 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 at ejz@sympatico.ca 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 March 3rd, 2019

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: H. and C. Ichiyen, D. Fam

Scripture Reader: H. Ichiyen