

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.

Transfiguration & Ash Wednesday on Sunday

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

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude	Aria with Variations	Handel
Welcome & Announcements		K. Shikaze
Truth & Reconciliation,	Call to Action 92	I. Kagawa
Musical Interlude		

Call to Worship

One: The transfiguration of Jesus on the mountaintop and Ash Wednesday help us to reflect on our lives.

All: They help us to release our inner thoughts and feelings that can distract us from our relationship with God and one another.

One: As we seek to remove those distractions, let us move forward on the path of hope and renewal.

All: Let us begin our journey today by listening for God's voice, to help guide and nurture our lives.
One: Thanks be to God for God's steadfast love within us.

***Processional Hymn (232) "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"**

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, we give thanks for Your nurturing Spirit within us. As we worship today, we come before You ready to focus on what will bring us hope and joy in our lives. Help us, O God, to fill our hearts and minds with thoughts of love and peace. May we all learn to live in the present moment so that we may be at one with You and ourselves. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 51
(Create in me a new heart, O God.)

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

Our Lenten Project -handout: Lenten calendars-

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

Prayer for Grace (unison)

For times when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don't really listen, or when we act from motives other than love, God forgive us. When we do not feel the pain of others or ignore the needs of the helpless around us, God forgive us. Compassionate God, remind us of Your vision as Your people. Help us to seek ways to meet the needs of others and renew our covenant of faith with You this day. Amen.

Sung Assurance (266) "Amazing Grace" vs. 1 & 2

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Reading Joel 2:1-2; 12-17
(Repent and return to the Lord your God.)

Gospel Lesson Luke 9:28-36
(Jesus is transfigured on the mountain and the disciples see Jesus in a new light.)

Anthem "Sweet Are the Prayers of a Friend" Pepper Choplin

Sermon "Illuminated" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (104) "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" vs.1&3

Responding to God

Offering "Grandmother's Minuet" Op. 68 #2 Grieg

* **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**

The Mark of the Ashes

(You are invited to come forward to receive the ashes.)

Prayer of the Ashes (together)

God our Creator, You have formed us out of the dust and soil of the earth. May these ashes be to us a sign of our life and dependence on You. Grant that the oil of Your healing love may flow through our lives bringing transformation, healing and peace. Amen.

***Hymn (105)** "Dust and Ashes Touch Our Face"

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Choral Amen "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With ev'ry step I take let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Postlude Nocturne in F, Op.15 #1 Chopin

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Today, Sunday March 3rd, 2019

Head Usher: B. Jackson

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

Scripture Reader: H. Ichiyen

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 pancake lunch provided by the men of the church.

Cost \$10.00. Children free. All proceeds go to support M & S. Our special thanks to the men & their helpers, for providing a delicious lunch for us today.

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

Flowers speak to us in many ways. The peaceful Ikebana is **created by K. Oiye**. 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.

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.

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. Mar. 3rd – 11:00 a.m. – Transfiguration and 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.

Lenten Calendars are available today. You are invited to bring back a donation on Easter Sunday. This year our Lenten Project is to support the United Church's **Gifts with Vision**. We will be supporting for \$100 the Build a Well project in Africa and \$100 delivers food, shelter, education, and programs for the 65 million displaced persons in Africa and the Middle East. Thank you for your support.

Mon. March 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.

Tues. March 5th – 7:15 p.m. – M&P Committee will meet in the narthex.

Sun. March 10th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 1 - Worship Service.
Do not forget to set your clocks ahead one hour.
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.

Sun. April 7th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 5 - Worship Service followed by a stew lunch sponsored by the Community and Global Ministry Team. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Children are free. All proceeds go to the Mission and Service Fund.

The Youth Class will reconvene today, 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 today. 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. Today is your last day to update your information. 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

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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 10th, 2019

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: C. MacLean, H. & K. Nagata, K. Saito

Scripture Reader: R. Bloor