

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.

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 10th, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Runyan arr. Shackley

Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean

Truth & Reconciliation, Calls to Action 93, 94 K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Lent calls us to a journey of spiritual renewal.

All: We come seeking the path of blessing.

One: The way is full of temptations and difficult decisions.

All: May our worship shape our choices.

One: Take courage. The Spirit of God will strengthen us.

All: We do not travel alone.

***Processional Hymn (626)** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Guiding and directing God, we worship You as the One who led Jesus into the wilderness and has brought us to this season of Lent. We are grateful that the resources You gave Jesus are available to us. Open our eyes to see life from Your perspective. Touch us with a renewed sense of what is most important and inspire us to more fully follow Your gospel path. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-11

(Offering our gifts of thanksgiving to God.)

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

God of life, You call us to care for one another and for all creation. Sometimes it's tempting to look for happiness in the wrong places. Sometimes we think that the things we could have, or the things we could do, would make us

happy. Forgive us when we lose our focus. In this Lenten season, bring us closer to You, O God. Fill our lives with Your presence and priorities. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: The Good News is that there is no divide God cannot cross and no separation God cannot bridge.

All: God loves us and reaches out to embrace us all with love and compassion.

One: Thanks be to God!

Listening for God's Word

Sung Refrain Psalm 91 V.U. 807 "On Eagle's Wings"

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:1-13
(Jesus is tested in the desert.)

Anthem "Our Father" Craig Courtney

Sermon "What is Important?" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (115)** "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert" vs. 1 & 4

Responding to God

Offering "In Church", Op.39 #23 Tchaikovsky

*** 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 Prayers of the People

***Recessional Hymn (675)** "Will Your Anchor Hold"

***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 Prelude in G Minor, WTC 1 Bach

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Today, Sunday March 10th, 2019

Head Usher: B. Jackson

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

Scripture Reader: R. Bloor

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.

Recently we have lost dedicated members of our church family. Flowers are placed by R. and K. Shikaze in appreciation of Tom Maikawa and Sach Tomihiro, and their contribution to the Church. 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.

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.

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

Wed. March 13th 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Sun. March 17th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 2 - Worship Service.
Followed by St. Patrick's Day celebration in Fellowship Hall.
1:00 p.m. – Council meeting in the narthex.

Tues. March 19th - 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 call M. Griffiths.

Wed. March 20th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Thurs. March 21st - 2:00 p.m. - Worship Service at Momiji.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Sun. April 14th – 11:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday Service with Holy Communion and special music from the choir.
1:00 p.m. - Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

The Youth Class will meet, April 7th. 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.

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

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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 17th, 2019

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: J. Nogami, M. Koga, K. Shikaze, H. Kagawa

Scripture Reader: E. Turnbull