

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.

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 17th, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Were You There?" arr. Phillip Keveren

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: As a mother hen gathers her brood under her sheltering wings,

All: So God hovers over us, longing to gather us together in the shelter of God's love.

One: As we bring our busy lives into this time of worship,

All: May we feel the calmness of God's Spirit.

One: Let us focus on God's nurturing love and guidance,

All: As we travel the Lenten path.

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***Processional Hymn (373)** "As Comes the Breath of Spring"

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of hope and promise, You inspire us with a vision for the future. You set before us the path of faithfulness and call us to trust in You, even when the way is challenging. We marvel at Abraham's thirty-year commitment to Your vision, and Jesus' courage to journey to Jerusalem, knowing the risks involved. May our worship renew Your purpose for us and give us the strength to live accordingly. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 15: 1-11, 17-18

(Through a solemn covenant God promises Abram a future.)

***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)

On this journey of life, O God, be our companion and guide. Give us a boost when we are discouraged; nudge us forward when we are stuck; hold our hand when we are fearful; shine a light when we are unsure of the way. Refresh us in Your presence, renew us in Your purpose, remake us in Your image. Empowering Love, grant us a measure of Your eternal grace to face whatever may come. May Your Spirit free us to live with steadfast faith and commitment, as Jesus did. Amen.

***Sung Assurance (MV 154) "Deep in Our Hearts" (vs. 1)**

Listening for God's Word

Psalm Reading Psalm 27:1-10
(God is my light and my protector.)

Gospel Lesson Luke 13:31-35
(Jesus is undeterred by pending danger and weeps over Jerusalem.)

Solo "Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears" Brendan Graham
Soloist: P. Watanabe

Sermon "Hens for God" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (356)** "Seek Ye First the Kingdom"

Responding to God

Offering "Innocence", Op. 203 #7 Cornelius Gurliitt

*** 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 (634)** "To Abraham and Sarah"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

One: May the Christ Who walks on wounded feet,

All: walk with you on the road.

One: May the Christ Who serves with wounded hands,

All: stretch out your hands to serve.

One: May the Christ Who loves with a wounded heart,

All: open your hearts to love.

One: May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,

All: and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you. Amen.

(Traditional Celtic Prayer)

***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 Fugue in A Minor Johann Pachelbel

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Sunday March 17th, 2019

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: K. Shikaze, K. and S. Koyama

Scripture Reader: E. Turnbull

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 the St. Patrick’s celebration following the service. Light refreshments will be available 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 that grace our morning service are placed by H. loi and family, in loving memory of Penny, dear wife, mother and grandmother. Penny passed March 17, 2018, and is forever in the family’s hearts. If you care to donate flowers for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoriam or for a special occasion, please contact **C. Ichiyen, 905-274-0243**, by Wednesday prior to a service.

The Ikebanas are made by T. and R. Takasaki in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day.

A Note of Thanks from D. Domelle:

I would like to say a super big thank you to all our church members who pitched in to help put away the Christmas decorations. It was very much appreciated by me.

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 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.

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 17th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 2 - Worship Service followed by a 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 contact 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.

Fri. April 19th – 11:00 a.m. – Good Friday Service to remember the last day of Jesus' life. Followed by refreshments.

Sun. April 21st – 11:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service. We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through word and song. Please remember to bring your Lenten offering. Thank you.

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.

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

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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 24th, 2019

Head Usher: T. Nakamichi

Ushers: P. & T. Takasaki, S. & E. Turnbull

Scripture Reader: J. Brooker