

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 31st, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Panis Angelicus" César Franck, arr. R. Turle

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Come and rejoice in God's reconciling love.

All: God runs to welcome us.

One: Come celebrate God's lavish generosity.

All: God declares, "Everything that is mine is yours."

One: Come, you are invited to God's party as we feast and celebrate.

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

Opening Prayer (unison)

Surprising God, like the father who threw a party for his prodigal son, You too delight in feasts of forgiveness and reconciliation. Your generosity exceeds our expectations. May our worship express our gratitude for the gift of new life and for helping us to be a welcoming community. Amen.

Epistle Lesson 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
(We are all Christ's friends.)

***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, You are our loving parent. Whenever we have asked, You have given us our inheritance of love. Yet at times we have squandered that love and so we seek Your grace in our lives. Forgive our prodigal ways. Welcome us home

with a renewed sense of worthiness so that we might not judge ourselves or others. Liberate us to live fully and completely as Your people. Amen.

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

Listening for God's Word

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3; 11-32
(The parable of the prodigal son.)

Anthem "With Every Breath" Ken Medema

Sermon "Welcome to the Party" Rev. Cooper

*Hymn (333) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs. 1, 2

Responding to God

Offering Saraband, from Suite #4 Henry Purcell

* 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

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

***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 "Hungarian", Op.39 #12 Edward MacDowell

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Sunday March 31st, 2019

Head Usher: T. Nakamichi

Ushers: P. Watanabe, P. Widgery, T. & E. Yuan

Scripture Reader: P. Watanabe

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.

Spring has arrived! "Awe is what moves us forward."-Joseph Campbell. Flowers are presented by the Ichiyen family. 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. 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.

Cyclone Idai caused severe flooding and devastation after making landfall on March 14, 2019. The storm has affected an estimated 2.6 million people in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Malawi, ruining crops, injuring thousands, and destroying almost everything in its path. The current official death toll is over 760; that number is expected to rise sharply. If you would like to respond to this humanitarian crisis you can give a donation to Bayview United Church and we will forward it to the United Church emergency response. Please mark your cheque "Cyclone Idai". Thank you for your consideration to this important appeal. Bayview United Church will give a donation to the United Church Emergency Appeal through the Audrey Sasaki Fund (ASF).

Sun. March 31st – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 4 - Worship Service.

Tues. April 2nd – 7:15 p.m. – M&P will meet in the narthex.

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 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.

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.

Wed. April 17th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fri. April 19th – 11:00 a.m. – Good Friday Service to remember the last day of Jesus' life. Followed by refreshments. If anyone would like to do a reading in the service, please speak to Rev. Cooper. Thank you.

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.

Thurs. April 25th - 2:00 p.m. - Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sat. April 27th – 9:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. - Women's Fellowship Circle Daybreak held at Momiji. Cost with catered lunch and program is \$15.00 payable to A. Kunihiro or L. Hirowatari.

The guest speaker is A. Pruner, a yoga teacher, yoga therapist and somatic educator. With a blend of humour and compassion, her session will focus on recognizing tension in the body and the nervous system, building presence and freeing up our body, breath and spirit. As stress increases in our lives, it becomes more important to take a pause for self care. This can be as simple as a few easy breaths in and out, or a simple stretch, or some quiet meditation. Come and learn how you can re-centre, re-align and then re-engage with life in an easy and productive way. All this will be accomplished with gentle, seated movements. **All women are welcome.**

Sun. April 28th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Hospitality and Care meeting in the Sunday School room.

Sun. May 5th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service. We welcome members of the Order of the Eastern Star to our worship service. They are graciously providing the lunch following the service.

12:30 p.m.- The Sharing Table. You are invited to bring in new or gently used items to share with the congregation. Suitable items can relate to Mother's Day i.e. flowers, chocolates, jewellery, plants, books or anything of your choosing. This is a time to mix and mingle and have fun choosing a free item to take home. All are welcome to participate.

1:00 p.m. – Council Meeting in the narthex.

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

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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.

Sunday April 7th, 2019

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: J. Bennett, M. Cruise, M. Griffiths, M. Kitagawa

Scripture Reader: M. Kitagawa