

# 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.*

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(\*congregation stands as able)

### Praising God

**Prelude** "Meditation" René Dubois

**Welcome & Announcements** K. Shikaze

**Musical Interlude**

### Call to Worship

One: God is an extravagant God, full of surprises.

**All: God makes streams of water flow through the desert.**

One: God's love is poured out on all of creation.

**All: Come let us worship and follow this awesome God.**

**\*Processional Hymn (220)** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

### Opening Prayer (unison)

Wondrous God, You are the giver of amazing things. You gave us life. We are grateful that You also blessed us with the gift of smell. Scents remind us of many experiences in our lives. O God, may the sweet aroma of Your holiness spread through our worship and grace us with Your unconditional love this day. Amen.

**Hebrew Scripture** Isaiah 43:16-21

(God says to us, 'Watch, I am doing something new!')

**\*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)

**Creator God, You have lavished the world and each one of us with bountiful blessedness. You have shown us how to be generous and yet at times we are reluctant to share this gift with others. We would rather hold on to what we have**

than to risk losing all we have. Remind us, O God, that in sharing our abundance we can be richer in Your sight. Amen.

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

### Listening for God's Word

**Psalm Reading** Psalm 126  
(Those who sow in tears reap with joy.)

**Gospel Lesson** John 12:1-8  
(Mary anoints Jesus with costly perfume.)

**Anthem** "The God Of Love My Shepherd Is" Eric Thiman  
L. Lazar, soprano

**Sermon** "Extravagant Gift?" Rev. Cooper

\*Hymn (642) "Be thou My Vision" vs. 1, 4

### Responding to God

**Offering** "Child Falling Asleep", Op. 15 #12 Schumann

\* **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

**Minute for Mission** D. Domelle

\*Recessional Hymn (896) "Blest Are They" vs. 1,2,4

\*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** "Polka Dots and Moonbeams"  
Jimmy Van Heusen & Johnny Burke  
R. Finney, guitar

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Sunday April 7th, 2019

**Head Usher: S. Hu**

**Ushers:** J. Bennett, M. Cruise, M. Griffiths, 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. Following the service, everyone is invited for a stew lunch sponsored by the Community and Global Ministry Team. Cost is \$10.00 per person. The money raised will go to support the Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada. Many thanks to all the stew and rice makers. Delicious!

**Please remember we are a nut-free building.**

**A special welcome and thank you,** R. Finney, for your wonderful guitar postlude. It is a joy to have you playing for us today.

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

We have been granted a gift of life, with some limitations and many strengths. A heart full of grace to you all. 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](mailto: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 of this important appeal. Bayview United Church will give a donation to the United Church Emergency Appeal through the Audrey Sasaki Fund (ASF).

**Sun. April 7<sup>th</sup> – 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 7<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**Tues. April 16th - 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 B. Marshall.

**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.

**Sun. May 12th – 11:00 a.m. – Mother's Day Worship Service** followed by a hot dog lunch provided by the men of our congregation.

**1:00 p.m. - Japanese Language Service** in the sanctuary.

**Newsletter: The Deadline** for submitting articles for the next church newsletter is May 5th. Please submit articles to M. Leone in the office or email them to her at [office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca).

**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.

**Sunday April 14th, 2019**

**Head Usher: S. Hu**

**Ushers: L. Hirowatari, M. Kaneko, H. & C. Ichiyen**

**Scripture Reader: L. Clubine-Ito**