

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 Easter

Sunday, April 28th, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "How Lovely Are the Messengers" from *St. Paul*
Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Come! Bring your doubts, your hopes, your faith.

All: We come with our questions, ponderings and misgivings.

One: Bring your confusion and your certainty.

All: We bring a mix of emotions and expectations.

One: Come ready to celebrate the season of surprise and the promise of new life.

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*Processional Hymn (173) "Thine Is the Glory"

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of Easter, of life, of hope, of resurrection, we have celebrated with joy the great festival of our faith, the foundation of our existence. Enable us now to show forth the power of resurrection in all that we think and feel, say and do. Help us to recognize and celebrate signs of resurrection throughout the universe so that we and all creation might be one with the risen Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading Acts 5:17, 27-32
(The apostles appear before the Council.)

* Hymn (224) "Sing a Happy Hallelujah" (vs. 1, 2, 3)

Time with the Young People

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 (224) "Sing a Happy Hallelujah" (vs. 1, 4)

(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Thomas missed the sunrise service! He wasn't with the other disciples when they saw the risen Christ. Thomas said, "Unless I see the scars in his hands and put my finger in his side, I will not believe." O God, forgive our doubting, our skepticism, our insistence on physical fact. Teach us to see with eyes of faith, and to say with Thomas, "My Lord and My God!" Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: In Christ, all walls are broken down.

All: Through the Spirit, all wounds are healed.

One: With God, new life begins again and again.

All: We are an Easter people, thanks be to God!

Listening for God's Word

Psalm Reading Psalm 118:14-29
(Give thanks and praise to God.)

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31
(Jesus appears before the disciples and Thomas doubts until he sees Jesus for himself.)

Solo "Art Thou Troubled" from *Rodelinda* Handel
Soloist: P. Tibbles, alto

Sermon "Do You Believe?" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (186)** "Now the Green Blade Rises" vs. 1,3,4

Responding to God

Offering "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" arr. P. Keveren
*** 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**

Prayers of the People

***Hymn (703)** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (586)** "We Shall Go Out" vs. 1
**We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.**

Postlude Suite #1 J.S. Bach
Soloist: K. Bloor, alto saxophone

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A special welcome and thank you to K. Bloor for playing the alto saxophone for our postlude this morning. It is a joy to have you sharing your love of music with us.

Sunday April 28th, 2019

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: H. & K. Nagata

J. Nogami & M. Koga

Scripture Reader: B. Haddock

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.

Flowers warm our hearts and add specialness to our morning service. Memorial flowers are placed by P. Tibbles, a 20th year remembrance of a dear mother, Mildred Tibbles; and by M. Sakamoto and family, a first year remembrance of dear Jim, dear husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. If you care to donate flowers for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoriam or for a special occasion, please contact **K. Oiy**e 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.

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).

The Youth Class will meet, today. 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 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.

Tues. May 7th – 7:30 p.m. - M&P 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.

Wed. May 15th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome to attend.

6:00 p.m. – Worship Team dinner and meeting in the narthex.

Sun. May 19th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service.

Thurs. May 23rd – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. May 26th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service.

Sun. June 2nd – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service with celebration of Holy Baptism and Promotion Sunday.

2019 Directory of Members and Friends is now available for purchase. The cost is \$3 per copy. Please see L. Fujita to purchase your copy.

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.

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 M. Sakamoto 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 May 5th, 2019

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: G. Omoto, K. Saito, K. Shikaze

Scripture Readers: C. LaRue and S. Maltman

(Members of the Order of the Eastern Star)