

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.

Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, October 13th, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(* indicates please stand as you are able)

Praising God

Prelude "Give Thanks/Now Thank We All Our God"
Smith/Crüger - arr. Raney

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Every flower that blossoms, every bird that sings, every fruit that ripens...

All: Speaks of God's creating power in the world.

One: Every act of love and kindness, every hug and smile, every word of hope and appreciation...

All: Speaks of God's affirming presence in our lives.

One: Let us join our hearts in a spirit of gratitude as we sing our praises to God.

* **Hymn (516)** "Come, You Thankful People, Come" vs. 1,2,3

Opening Prayer (unison)

One: Creator God, You have painted our fall, a glorious picture of yellows, oranges and reds.

All: The glory of this season enriches our sight and delights our spirits.

One: You have given us yellow potatoes, orange pumpkins, and red burning bushes.

All: The harvest is ours for nourishment, enjoyment and sharing.

One: You brought us together as family and friends around the table of Thanksgiving.

All: In reunion and remembering, in love and laughter, we celebrate Your presence and give great thanks. Amen

Hebrew Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11
(The blessing of the first harvest)

***Hymn (296)** "This Is God's Wondrous World"

A 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 (296) "This Is God's Wondrous World" vs. 1

(Young people are invited to go to classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Gracious God, whenever I complain about the noise of the city, make me thankful that I can hear. Whenever I close my eyes against the morning sun, make me thankful that I can see. Whenever I sit and relax and resent getting up, make me thankful that I can stand and walk. Whenever I complain about meals to cook, make me thankful that I have abundant food to eat. Help me, O God, to be grateful for all the gifts I have in my life! Amen.

Sung Assurance (400) "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
(repeat once)

Listening for God's Word

Epistle Reading Philippians 4:4-9
(Ask God for what you need with a thankful heart.)

Gospel Lesson John 6:25-35
(Jesus said, "I am the bread of life.")

Anthem "I Will Give Jubilant Thanks" Williams/Barrett

Sermon "Giving Thanks Happily" Rev. Cooper

* **Hymn (226)** "For the Beauty of the Earth" (tune 81)

Responding to God

Offertory "Blumenstück" (Flower Piece) Robert Schumann

* **Dedication (518)** "As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought"

A world in need now summons us **vs. 2**
to labour, love, and give,
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.

The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed, by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.

***Prayer**

Prayers of the People

* **Hymn** "Bringing in the Sheaves"

1. Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain:

**Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.**

2. Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
By and by the harvest, and the labor ended,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain

3. Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
Though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
When our weeping's over, He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.

Refrain

***Commissioning and Benediction**

One: Let us stand in celebration of God's goodness.

All: Let us unite in a spirit of oneness.

One: Let us strive to live a life of thanksgiving.

All: May God's love nurture us.

One: May Christ's peace comfort us.

All: May the Holy Spirit warm our hearts this day!

Together: Amen!

*Choral Amen (227) "For the Fruit of All Creation" vs. 1 & 2

**1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

Postlude "Hungarian" Op. 39 #12 Edward MacDowell

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Today, October 13th, 2019

Head Usher: E. Turnbull

Ushers: T. & E. Yuan, M. Kitagawa, P. Widgery

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. Everyone is invited for light refreshments in Fellowship Hall 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.

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.

Autumn is a "Time of Plenty". The Thanksgiving Cornucopia is created and placed by the Takasaki family. The bounty of the harvest will be taken to the Lansing Food Bank.

This morning's flowers are placed by L. Yatabe and family, fondly remembering Minoru Yatabe on the first year of his passing.

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.

Please feel free to contact Rev. Cooper anytime, at 416-447-5941 (church office). Thank you.

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.

**Sun. Oct. 13th – 11:00 a.m. –Thanksgiving Sunday
1:00 p.m. - Japanese Language Service.**

Tues. Oct. 15th - 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. Oct. 16th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome.

7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Sat. Oct. 19th – Festival on Bayview. Please invite your family and friends to attend, and offer your assistance to make this event a success.

Sun. Oct. 20th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service on the Creation Time theme of Conservation.

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

Thurs. Oct. 24th – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Oct. 27th – 11:00 a.m. – World Food Day Worship Service. We will also be commemorating “Orange Shirt Day”, a day to remember the former students of residential schools. If you have an orange T-shirt you are invited to wear it.

Please Note: If you would like to buy one you can go to orangeshirtday.net and scroll over to orange T-shirt with turtle design by Vinita Rathod for \$12.00. (The church will pay for our children’s T-Shirts, just give the bill to K. Shikaze.) Following the service we will have Stone Soup. Everyone is invited to bring one cup of veggies for the soup. Cost of soup: \$5.00 to support the food bank.

12:45pm H & C Meeting-Sunday School Room

Sun. Nov. 3rd - 11am Worship Service - Memorial Sunday
Worship Service to remember loved ones who have passed away since Sept. 2018. Everyone is invited to a complimentary lunch following the service. If you have had a loved one or

friend pass away this past year, please let Rev. Cooper know their name and date of passing by Oct. 27th. Thank you.

Sun. Nov. 10th – 11:00 a.m. - Remembrance Sunday
Worship Service. Our guest speaker will be **F. Moritsugu**, a former sergeant in the Canadian Army Intelligence Corps during WW II.

Sun. Nov. 17th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. - Council Meeting in the narthex.

Festival on Bayview – Saturday October 19th - We are hosting a fundraiser musical concert at 2 p.m. with a silent auction. Baking, preserves, Japanese food, crafts and refreshments will be sold during the intermission. Tickets are \$20.00 (children 12 and under are free) and can be purchased from D. Amos or C. MacLean. Please let family and friends know and consider helping as you are able. Thank you.

Newsletter: The Deadline for submitting articles for the next church newsletter is Nov. 3rd. Please submit articles to M. Leone in the office.

The choir needs YOU!!!

All congregation members who have time and enjoy singing are invited to join the choir. A long commitment is not essential. Special recordings of our music are sent to you for practice, and YouTube videos are available for many anthems online, if you are not able to come to Thursday evening (7:30) practice. Some of our members have always participated in this way. We are flexible, friendly, helpful, and every voice type is welcome. Please speak with K. Quinton at church.

Hurricane Dorian: We have all heard of the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. If you would like

to help the people, the United Church is collecting money until the end of October to send to the people. If you would like to donate, you can make a cheque out to BUC and mark it Hurricane relief and we will send the donations to the United Church. Thank you.

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.

TORONTO UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL'S 11TH ANNUAL HEART AND VISION CELEBRATION – MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 2019

Support United Church camping programs and enjoy a rousing Gospel Music Review.

The 2019 Heart & Vision concert celebrates the outstanding contribution to social justice made by the Honourable Margaret McCain. Ms. McCain's authoring of the Early Years Report and her tireless advocacy on behalf of child health has had a profound and positive impact on our society's preschool and primary education systems. Please join us to hear her perspective on the challenges we face today. Award-winning musician and humourist, Mary Lou Fallis will host the event, which will also feature a Gospel Music Review with Jackie Richardson, Alana Bridgewater and Billy Newton Davis. The event will enjoy a new format – dinner and concert will be held at the Enoch Turner Schoolhouse on Trinity St. with a reception starting at 6 pm. Dinner and concert event begin at 6:45. Tickets include dinner and are \$150. They can be purchased online at <http://tinyurl.com/heartandvision2019> or by phone at 905-771-5124. Proceeds support United Church camps in south central Ontario.

Next Sunday, October 20th, 2019

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: K. Shikaze, H. & C. Ichiyen, G. Omoto

Scripture Reader: R. Bloor