

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.

Celebration of New Members

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

(* indicates please stand as you are able)

Praising God

Prelude Sonata Op.7, Largo Beethoven
Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: We are here because we have heard the call of God in our lives.

All: We have come to learn more about what it means to be part of God's community of faith.

One: We gather to inspire and challenge one another as we seek to follow Christ's example each day.

All: We come seeking to be moved, uplifted and changed by God's living Spirit.

One: May the power of God's love transform our hearts and minds and enable us to live out our faith.

* Hymn (395) "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

Opening Prayer (unison)

God of our faith, You have called to us to be Your children and we have responded by opening our hearts and minds up to You. We worship You as the One who nudges and nurtures us in our next steps. When the way ahead seems hazy and uncertain, clear our minds to hear Your voice and trust Your inner prompting. Inspire us and open us to Your blessings this day. Amen.

A Time with the Children

K. Liddle
V. Watanabe

Hymn (289) "It Only Takes a Spark" vs. 1 & 3
(Young people are invited to go to classes.)

Listening for God's Word

Epistle Lesson James 2:14-17
(The importance of faith with actions)

Hebrew Reading Psalm 23 K. Liddle
(The Lord is my Shepherd.) V. Watanabe

Hebrew Scripture Psalm 23 (enacted)

Anthem "Non Nobis, Domine" R. Kipling/R. Quilter

Sermon "Living Our Faith" Rev. Cooper

*Hymn (509) "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" vs. 1 and 3

Responding to God

Offertory "Complete Happiness" Op.15 #5 Robert Schumann

* **Dedication** 518 "As Those of Old..." verse 2

A world in need now summons us 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

Celebration of Confirmation

Opening Words
Scripture Lesson

Presentation of Candidates
Candidate Vows

C. MacLean

Congregational Commitment (unison)

We will continue to support you and walk with you. With God's help we will live out our Christian faith as a loving community in Christ; nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, and encouraging one another in God's work.

Statement of Faith -The New Creed-

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: Who has created and is creating,

Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,

Who works in us and other by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church;

To celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,

To love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

The Act of Affirmation of Faith

The People's Response: Amen!

Congregational Welcome (unison)

As your sisters and brothers in God's community of faith, we celebrate your public affirmation of your Christian faith. We welcome you to the privileges and responsibilities of membership in Bayview United Church and in the United Church of Canada. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to us. We pledge to you our friendship and our support. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry of Christ's church. Amen.

Blessing

Presentation of Certificates and Bibles

C. MacLean

Transfer of Membership

Statement of Introduction

Presentation of Candidate

C. MacLean

Act of Transfer Questions

Congregational Response (unison)

God has called us to be your brothers and sisters in Christ. We rejoice in your membership with us and promise you our friendship, love, support and prayers. With God's help, we will together live out the mission and ministry as Christ's church. Amen.

Words of Welcome

Hand of Christian Love and Welcome

* Hymn (420)

"Go to the World"

Commissioning and Benediction

***Choral Amen (More Voices 216)** "Wherever You May Go"
Refrain: written by David Kai

**Wherever You may go, I will follow,
And Your people shall be my people too.
Wherever You may go, I will follow,
For I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

**Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
We will travel side by side
And God's love will be our guide. (refrain)**

Postlude "Here I Am, Lord" Schutte arr. J. Schrader

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Today we welcome to the membership of Bayview United Church:

K. Liddle, who will be confirmed.
V. Watanabe, who will be confirmed.

Today we welcome through Transfer of Membership
D. Yamashita, who is transferring his membership from the Hamilton Japanese United Church to Bayview United Church. He is the father of S. Yamashita-Liddle and father-in-law of J. Liddle and grandfather of K. Liddle. Welcome, D. Yamashita. We are blessed to have you join the Bayview congregation!

Today, November 17th, 2019

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: D. Fam, H. & K. Nagata, M. Griffiths

Scripture Reader: K. Liddle & V. 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 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.

The flowers are placed by D. Amos this morning in loving memory of life-long friends L. Leith and J. Harness. 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.

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. Nov. 17th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service with the celebration of Confirmation and Transfer of Membership.
1:00 p.m. - Council Meeting in the narthex.

Tues. Nov. 19th - 1:00 p.m. - BUC Book Club will meet in the narthex. Free choice of subject, bearing in mind that November is Remembrance Month – “Lest We Forget”. We welcome new people to join us. For further information contact B. Marshall.

Wed. Nov. 20th – 2:30 p.m. – Christmas Singsong Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome.

Sun. Nov. 24th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service – Mission Sunday with guest speaker D. Otty, Director of the Lansing Food Bank.

The Youth Class will meet November 24th.

12:45 p.m. – WFC (Women's Fellowship Circle) will meet in the sanctuary. Our global traveler, C. MacLean, will be speaking on her adventures in Africa last April. Everyone is welcome to come and hear her stories.

Wed. Nov. 27th – 7:00 p.m. – Worship Team will meet in the narthex.

Thurs. Nov. 28th – 12:00 noon – Momiji BUC Potluck Lunch followed by carol singing. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. Dec. 1st – 11:00 a.m. – Advent I Worship Service with Advent candle lighting and the celebration of Holy Communion.
The Youth Class will meet on December 1st.

Dec. 1st - 12:30 p.m. - There will be a Sharing Table with a Christmas theme. Bring in items you would like to share with the congregation e.g. bags, cards, decorations, chocolates or anything of your choosing. Everyone is welcome to participate and have fun choosing a free item to take home.

Sun. Dec. 8th – 11:00 a.m. – Advent II candle lighting and Creating a Tree of Remembrance: during the service you can place blue stars on the Christmas tree in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away over the years.
12:15 p.m. -- A catered turkey lunch will follow the service.
1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Sun. Dec. 15th – 11:00 a.m. – Advent III candle lighting, White Gift and Special Choir Music.

Sun. Dec. 22nd – 11:00 a.m. – Advent IV candle lighting. Pre-Christmas Service.

Christmas Eve Service: If anyone would like to be in the Christmas Eve drama or do any readings in the service, please speak to Rev. Cooper by Dec. 8th.

Our annual turkey lunch will be held on Sunday, December 8th. Catered by Ian James Catering with music by R. Finney and M. Loo. Tickets are now available and must be purchased before December 2. Cost is \$20 per person and children under 12 are free. Takeout is also available. For tickets, please see L. Fujita or call the church office to reserve.

Our caterer, Chef Ian, is selling smoked cheese boards and is making them available to BUC members at a discounted price. These are great ideas for Christmas shopping. There are a variety of options available. You can purchase a full size cherrywood cheese board with smoked Cheddar cheese, smoked Manchego cheese, crostini, olive oil, candied pecans and smoked almonds or create your own combination. For further information or to place an order, please see L. Fujita. Orders must be placed by November 30 and delivery will be made in mid-December.

Children's Breakfast Club Winter Coat Drive

Again this year we are collecting winter clothing for the Children's Breakfast Club. They are accepting for children and adults (clean, warm, good quality, new or gently used):

- COATS
- SWEATERS

Please bring any items to the church and place them in area outside the upstairs washroom.

Japanese Social Services Holiday Drive - We will be accepting cash donations or cheques made out to Bayview United Church marked JSS Holiday Drive. Please place donations in the offering plate. Donations will be accepted until the end of December. Thank you.

Mitten Tree: You are invited to bring mittens, hats and scarves to place on the Christmas tree or in the box below the Christmas tree between Sun. Dec. 1st and Sun. Dec.15th. The items collected will go to support people in need at the St. James Food Basket.

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.

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 at 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.

Next Sunday, November 24th, 2019

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: T. & E. Yuan, J. Bennett, P. Widgery

Scripture Reader: J. Bennett