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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.

First Sunday After Christmas

Carol Service

Sunday, December 29th, 2019 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Silent Night/It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Welcome & Announcements

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Like Joseph, we are called to listen for the voice of God.

All: Like Mary, we are called to birth a blessing.

One: Like the angels, we are called to sing God's good news.

All: Like the shepherds, we are called to gather around the Christ Child.

One: Like Jesus, we are called to live out God's purpose for our lives.

All: Today we rejoice at the good news.

One: Come let us celebrate the birth of Jesus, who is our Light of the World!

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*Carol (36) "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" vs. 1, 2 & 3

Opening Prayer (unison)

Great Musician, Composer, and Conductor of creation's symphony, we sing to You our praises. Help us in our worship to create harmonies that unite us as Your people. Guide our lives with rhythms and melodies that carry us forward in a spirit of joy and awe this day. As our Singer and our Song, serenade us with Your music of hope and beauty for ourselves and for our world. Amen.

Carols

Congregational Choices

Christmas Prayer (in unison)

God of stable birth, help us to see and feel the wonder of Christmas. Help us see the wonder we knew as children when we could hardly wait, the wonder of Mary and Joseph as they felt the power of Your love, the wonder of the shepherds who heard the great news, the wonder of the magi who bowed and humbly gave, the wonder through all the ages that God would come in such a simple birth. Help us this Christmas season to take time to wonder and celebrate Jesus' birth into our lives and world once again. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 63:7-9
(God is good to Israel.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:13-23
(The escape to Egypt.)

Carol Story "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"
Rev. Cooper

Carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

Responding to God

Offering “The Christmas Waltz” Jule Styne & Sammy Cahn

* **Dedication** (tune: (74) “What Child is this?”)

**Love fills our hearts and overflows,
Love fills our lives, expands and grows,
Loving is how we’re called to live.
Loving is how each one can give.**

**This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!**

*Prayer

Carols

Congregational Choices

Christmas Creed from Latin America (together)

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the gospel, which began in Bethlehem.

I believe in the One Whose Spirit glorified a small village, of Whose coming the shepherds saw the sign, and for Whom there was no room at the inn.

I believe in the One Whose life changed the course of history, over Whom the kings of the earth had no power, and Who was not understood by the proud.

I believe in the One to Whom the poor, the oppressed, the discouraged, the afflicted, the sick, the blind, the leprous gave welcome, and Whom they accepted as Lord and Saviour.

I believe in the One Who, with love, changed the hearts of the proud, and with His life showed that it is more important to serve, than to be served, and that the greatest joy is giving your life for others.

I believe in peace, which is not the absence of war, but justice among all people and nations, and love among all.

I believe in reconciliation, forgiveness, and the transforming power of the gospel.

I believe that Christmas is strength and power, and that this

world can change if, with humility and faith, we kneel before the manger.

I believe that I must be the first one to do so.

Anonymous, translated by Joyce Hill

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Carol (43)** “Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

Postlude “What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?”

Frank Loesser

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Today: Sunday, December 29th, 2019

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: P. Widgery

Scripture Reader: B. Kai

Our special thanks to J. Brooker for being willing to play the piano for our service today. You always play so beautifully.

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. **Please note we are not having refreshments after the service today.**

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

Thank you to everyone who placed flowers or donated towards our flower fund in the past year. Happy, Healthy New Year to you and your family. If you care to donate flowers for a Sunday morning worship service, in memoria or for a special occasion, please contact **C. Ichiyen** by Wednesday prior to a service.

Sunday January 5th, 2020

Head Usher: S. Hu

Ushers: T. and E. Yuan, J. Bennett, T. Takasaki

Scripture Reader: J. Bennett