

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.

First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of Jesus Sunday

Sunday, January 12th, 2020 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "In the Bleak Midwinter" arr. Noel Rawsthorne

Welcome & Announcements K. Shikaze

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: We hear you, John, standing on Jordan's banks,

All: Calling for us to change.

One: We hear you, John, standing on Jordan's banks,

All: Confronting the powerful ones of your time.

One: We hear you, John, standing on Jordan's banks,

All: Speaking out against the chaos of your time.

One: We hear you, John, standing on Jordan's banks,

All: Ready to baptize Jesus.

One: Are we ready to receive the Spirit of baptism?

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All: We are ready as we stand together on Jordan's bank.

***Hymn (100)** "When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Loving God, whose voice cried in the wilderness and cried in a cradle, whose presence is found in the beauty of the sunrise and in the life of one rising out of the Jordan, we gather to receive Your blessings. Your voice has called and we have come. May we be touched by the healing energies of Your presence as we bathe in the water of Your love. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 42:1-9

(God's servant, filled with the Spirit of God will bring justice.)

***Hymn (585)** "Jesus Bids Us Shine" vs. 1&2

A Time with the Children

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (unison) V.U. pg. 921

**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 (585) "Jesus Bids Us Shine" vs. 3

(Young people leave for classes.)

Affirmation of Our Baptismal Faith (unison)

I believe in the power of baptism.

**I believe that something deeper than I know happens
and I am bound forevermore to a life that is ancient
yet born anew in me.**

**I believe in the power of baptism to transcend time
and space and call me to discipleship with Christ.**

**The muddy waters of the Jordan River
that swirl over him,
merge with the clear waters of the baptismal font
that splash on me
and we become one as those waters are one.**

I am no longer my own or on my own.

**I believe in the power of baptism to shake the heavens
and my world.**

**I believe in the power of the Spirit's touch
and those baptized find themselves
made new, made beloved, made whole.**

**I believe in the power of baptism
to call us to ourselves and to Christ.**

**I believe in the power of baptism
to immerse us in the waters of blessing
and send us forth, wet and wild with hope,
to be a blessing ourselves.**

Listening for God's Word

Epistle Reading Acts 10:34-38; 42-43
(Peter speaks about Jesus and his ministry.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:11-17
(The baptism of Jesus.)

Solo "God of Grace" K. Getty /J. Rea
Soloist: P. Tibbles

Sermon "Living the Spirit of Baptism" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (375)** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" vs. 1 & 3

Responding to God

Offering "The Fifes" Jean-François Dandrieu

*** 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**

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 others 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.**

*Hymn 87) "I Am the Light of the World"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (298) 'When You Walk from Here'**
When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy
and with God's humble care. (repeat)

Postlude "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" Op. 71A #1
Peter Ilych Tchaikovsky

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Today, January 12th, 2020.

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: H. & K. Nagata, M. Griffiths,
M. Kitagawa

Scripture Reader: C. MacLean

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 beginning of a New Year counts as another milestone, a gift of life to enjoy.

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.

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.

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

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. Jan. 12th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Wed. Jan. 15th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome.
7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Sun. Jan. 19th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Council meeting in the narthex.

Tues. Jan. 21st – 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.

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

Sun. Jan. 26th – 11:00 a.m. – Mission Sunday led by the Community and Global Partnership Team. Following the service there will be a soup lunch. The cost for soup is \$7.00 per person; children are free.

Sun. Feb. 2nd – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service with the celebration of Holy Communion.
The Youth Class will meet on February 2nd.

Tues. Feb. 4 – 7:15p.m. - M & P meeting in the narthex.

Sun. Feb. 9 – 11:00 a.m. – Black History Worship Service
12:30 p.m. – Sharing Table

The Sharing Table will be held right after lunch. Suitable items to share with the congregation can be things pertaining to Valentine's Day, such as candies, chocolates, red things or anything of your choosing. Items can be new or gently used. Everyone is welcome to participate and have fun choosing a free item to take home.

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

Sun. Feb. 16th – 11:00 a.m. – BUC Family Day Worship Service and Pot Luck Luncheon held downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We encourage everyone to bring a favourite family food item from your past or present if you are able to. Signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Happy cooking! - Hospitality and Care Team.

Annual Reports for 2019 are due on Feb. 2nd. Please send reports to church office, office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sun. March 1st, 2020.

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 contact K. Quinton.

Church Cancellation Notification Procedure: In the event of bad weather conditions, it may become necessary to cancel the Sunday worship service. - Here is how the decision will be made and how you will be notified: Rev. Cooper and C. MacLean (alternate K. Shikaze) will have a conversation before 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning and will decide whether or not to cancel the service that day. Those who are on the email list will be notified by 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, if in fact the service is going to be cancelled. - So, if the weather is bad, please check your email before heading off to church. Others will be notified by telephone by 8:30 a.m., or shortly thereafter.

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 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

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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, January 19th, 2020.

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: D. Fam, M. Kaneko, D. Honda

Scripture Reader: R. Bloor