

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.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, February 2nd, 2020 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Deep River" arr. P. Keveren

Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean

Ministry Sharing: Stewardship and Community & Global

Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth."

All: **I am God's seasoning to flavour and preserve the earth.**

One: Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

All: **I am a beacon for truth and illumine God's way.**

One: Jesus spoke about being the bread and the vine of life.

All: **We give thanks for flour kneaded into bread and grapes crushed into wine.**

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One: For these simple gifts of salt, light, bread and grapes, we celebrate God's divine love for us.

***Processional Hymn (595)** "We Are Pilgrims"
(Young people leave for classes.)

Opening Prayer (unison)

God, thank You for Jesus, light of the world and salt of the earth. Thank You for the people here and in every part of the world who quietly work from within to enhance life for all. Thank You for others who are shining examples of what life can be. May Jesus' way flavour our saltiness, and may the Holy Spirit brighten our light for the benefit of all. Amen.

Prayer Response (381) VU "Spirit of Life"

Prayer for Grace (unison)

Loving God, in a world filled with light and darkness, You fill our hearts with love and joy. Help us to treasure Your gift of community. Where there is doubt and despair, help us to bring Your hope. May we be open to Your call to be disciples. Encourage us to be Your light each day. Bind and guide us in Your love as Your people. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

One: God's hope and light live within and around each of us.

All: **Let us seek to keep God's light for our future alive in our hearts as we walk in God's grace. Amen.**

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Psalm 112:1-9

(We are invited to delight in God.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:13-20

(Jesus says, "You are salt; you are light.")

Anthem "Can God Spread a Table in the Wilderness?"
Joseph M. Martin

Sermon "The Importance of Salt" Rev. Cooper

***Hymn (117)** "Jesus Christ is Waiting" vs. 1,3,5

Responding to God

Offering Sonata in F, K. 78 Domenico Scarlatti

*** 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**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

***Communion Hymn (480)** "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God is with us.

All: We are not alone.

One: Christ is present.

All: The Spirit is among us.

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth, we recognize the fullness of Your grace: light, life and love. You are revealed to us in words that comfort us, in teachings that challenge us and in the compassion that heals and frees us.

All: Now we gather at this table to remember and to be filled with such longing for heaven on earth, that we may rise together to follow Your Way.

One: Blessed are You, gracious God, Creator of Light, Giver of Life, Source of Love. At Your Word creation dawns. Under your rainbow the floods recede. With a burning bush You hallow the earth. By a pillar of fire, You guide Your people.

All: You placed angels in the sky and a star in the eastern sky. You sent Jesus to be the light of the world, to heal the sick, to befriend the stranger, to stand up for the oppressed and to give his life in service to others.

One: Jesus, gift from God, lived so that we might know what it is like to walk with each other in justice and in communion with God.

All: Through the ages, Your Spirit has moved and touched the lives of Your people and anointed them for witness and service.

One: Send now Your Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and cup. May they be for us the remembering of the Holy One's love, grace and purpose. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(Please wait until all have been served before you eat & drink.
The bread is gluten free.)

Post-Communion Prayer (together)

Life-giving God, may we who share Christ's body, be Your bread of blessing; we who drink his cup, bring new life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Wrap us in Your Holy Presence and lead us out into the world, remembering that we are Your people as we celebrate Your life within us. Amen.

***Recessional Hymn (481)** "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

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

Postlude "An Wasserflüssen Babylon" Pachelbel

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Today, February 2nd, 2020.

Head Usher: B. Jackson

Ushers: D. Fam, K. Saito, K. Shikaze,
P. Watanabe

Scripture Reader: P. 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.

This morning's flowers are presented by B. Kagawa in fond memory of Uncle Tom Maikawa. The peaceful Ikebana is created by K. Oiye.

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. 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 – 7:15 p.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 family 4 X 6 or smaller photo and a favourite family food item from your past or present if you are able. Signup sheets will be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Happy cooking! Hospitality and Care Team.

Sun. Feb. 23rd – 11:00 a.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship Service

with special guest speaker Dr. K. Saito, grandson of Ruth Saito who passed away just over a year ago. Dr. Saito recently returned from a 6-month mission with MSF (also known as Doctors Without Borders) in Iraq. Following the service there will be a pancake lunch provided by the men of the church at a cost of \$10.00 per person; children are free. Proceeds will go to MSF.

Sun. March 1st – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 1 - Worship Service

followed by the **Annual Meeting** at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Sun. March 8th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 2 - Worship Service
Daylight saving time begins.

1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.
The Youth Class will meet on March 8th.

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.

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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, February 9th 2020.

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