

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 in Lent

Sunday, March 1st, 2020 11:00 a.m.
(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude Nocturne in B Flat Major John Field
Welcome & Announcements C. MacLean
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: Lent calls us to a journey of spiritual renewal.

All: We come seeking the path of blessing.

One: The way is full of temptations and difficult decisions.

All: We seek courage.

One: The Spirit will strengthen us.

All: We do not travel alone.

One: May our worship shape our journey.

*Hymn (108) "Throughout These Lenten Days & Nights"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Guiding and directing God, we worship You as the One Who led Jesus into the wilderness and has brought us to this season of Lent. We are grateful that the resources You gave Jesus are available to us: prayer, meditation, fasting, scripture and the Holy Spirit. Open our eyes to see life from Your perspective. We ask that You will give us strength for the journey, new hearts to discover Your promises, and a new calling to follow Jesus. Amen.

Hebrew Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
(God's tree of knowledge.)

*Hymn (145) MV "Draw the Circle Wide"

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 (145) MV "Draw the Circle Wide" vs. 2, 3
(Young people leave for classes.)

Prayer for Grace (unison)

God of life, You bless us with so many gifts. You call us to care for one another and for all creation. Sometimes it's tempting to look for happiness in the wrong places.

Sometimes we think that the things we could have, or the things we could do, would make us happy. Forgive us when we lose our focus. In this Lenten season, bring us closer to You, O God. Fill our lives with Your presence and priorities this day. Amen.

*Sung Assurance (MV 154) "Deep in Our Hearts" (vs. 1 & 4)

Listening For God's Word

Psalm Reading Psalm 32:1-7
(The joy of forgiveness.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11
(When Jesus is tempted in the wilderness, both Jesus and the devil use Scripture.)

Anthem "Brother James's Air" arr. Gordon Jacob

Sermon "The Impact of Our Choices" Rev. Cooper

*Hymn (115) "Jesus, Tempted in the Desert" vs. 1,3,4

Responding to God

Offering "Menuetto al Rovescio" Haydn
* **Dedication** 518 "As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought"
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

Prayers of the People

*Hymn (112) "O God, How We Have Wandered"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,
With ev'ry step I take let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Postlude "I Thank Thee, Dear Lord" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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Today, March 1st, 2020.

Head Usher: K. Koyama

Ushers: J. Nogami, C. MacLean, K. Shikaze

Scripture Reader: H. Ichiyen

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.

Flowers speak to us in many ways with their beauty. This morning's 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.

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.

Lenten Calendars are available in the narthex. You are invited to bring back a donation on Easter Sunday. This year our Lenten Project is to support **Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders**, established in 1971. They provide free medical care to people who need it. It does not matter which country they are from, which religion they belong to, or what their political affiliations are. They believe all

people have a right to medical care. Thank you for your support of our Lenten Project.

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.

Sun. March 15th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 3 - Worship Service
1 p.m. Council Meeting in the narthex.

Wed. March 18th – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway. Everyone is welcome.
7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.

Thurs. March 19th – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. March 22nd – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 4 - Worship Service
1:00 p.m. - Women's Fellowship Circle will meet in the sanctuary. The speaker will be K. Noma and he will talk about treasures we do not know we have and ancient Japanese artifacts.

Sun. March 29th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 5 - Worship Service
12:30- Prayer Service in the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend this reflective and meditative service. There will be an opportunity for individual prayers and laying on of hands for anyone who would like this.

Save the Date: Sat. April 18th – 9:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Women's Fellowship Circle Daybreak held at Momiji.
More details to follow. All women are welcome to attend.

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.

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 or R. Shikaze 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, March 8th, 2020.

Head Usher: D. Domelle

Ushers: M. Kaneko, D. Honda,
L. Hirowatari, K. Saito

Scripture Reader: B. Kai