

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.

Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 8th, 2020 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" trad. Spanish/words
Henry Bateman

Welcome & Announcements
Musical Interlude

K. Shikaze

Call to Worship

One: Like bulbs planted deep beneath the soil,

All: we are nurtured by the warmth of God's love.

One: Like children's laughter breaking through the silence,

All: so God's joy is present with us.

One: Like butterflies bursting forth from the protection of cocoons,

All: so is God's transforming love.

One: Let us praise our God of love as we greet this morning with songs in our hearts.

*Processional Hymn (409) "Morning Has Broken"

Opening Prayer (unison)

Sacred Spirit God, we gather to praise You for Your gift of love that brightens our world. As we look around, we marvel at the beauty and wonder in this place. Help us to open our hearts to deepen our relationship with You and one another. May the mystery of Your transforming Spirit guide our spirits as we renew our commitment to live as Your people. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture

Genesis 12:1-4a

(God calls Abram to follow wherever God leads.)

*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)

Holy Companion God, we are so grateful that You are present with us to guide and comfort us. We know at

times we can be so focused on our own busy lives that we forget to listen to Your still, small voice and the stirring of Your Spirit. Help us, O God, to unlock our hearts and minds to commune with You in both our outer and inner lives. Amen.

*Sung Assurance (MV 154) "Deep in Our Hearts" (vs. 1 & 2)

Listening for God's Word

Scripture Reading Psalm 121
(I lift my eyes to the hills.)

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17
(Nicodemus learns God so loved the world.)

Anthem "I Trust in You" Darcy Stanley

Sermon "Born Again: Hogwash or Not?" Rev. Cooper

*Hymn (264) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" vs. 1 & 4

Responding to God

Offering Kontretanz #4, Allegretto Mozart

* 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

Prayers of the People

*Hymn (703) "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

***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 "My Lord, What a Morning!" arr. Cindy Berry

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Today, March 8th, 2020.

Head Usher: D. Domelle

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

Scripture Reader: B. Kai

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.

Lent is a time of reflection. A time to reflect on something you understood all your life, but in a new way. 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 8th – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 2 - Worship Service

Daylight saving time begins.
The Youth Class will meet today.

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

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

Tues. March 17th – 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 call B. Marshall.

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 p.m. - 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.

Sun. April 5th – 11:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday - Worship Service with Holy Communion and a Choir Cantata.
12:30p.m. – Come hear J. Egger speak about his experiences of working for the Presbyterian Church in the

Republic of Korea. J. Egger was our youth class leader for several years. He is back in Canada for three months and will be visiting with us on Palm Sunday.

Save the Date: Sat. April 18thth – 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.

If you like to sing **and** you like coming to church, please feel free to contact us about singing in the choir. We have Thursday evening rehearsals at 7:30 until about 9, but some members rehearse with recordings at home and come only on Sunday morning. We will be delighted to have you join our group - please contact to 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 15th, 2020.

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Ushers: H. & C. Ichiyen, H. & K. Nagata

Scripture Reader: P. Cookson