

# 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.*

## Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 11:00 a.m.  
(\*congregation stands as able)

### Praising God

**Prelude** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" Whiting/Dykes  
**Welcome & Announcements** K. Shikaze  
**Musical Interlude**

#### Call to Worship

One: Like the woman at the well,

**All: we long for Living Water.**

One: Like the woman at the well,

**All: we seek to be set free.**

One: Like the woman at the well,

**All: we open ourselves to receive God's healing love.**

One: As we drink his "living water," may we be moved,  
inspired and changed by the power of God's Spirit.

\***Processional Hymn (222)** "Come, Let Us Sing"

#### Opening Prayer (unison)

Life-Giving God, You provide for our every need, yet we thirst for so much more. In this time of worship, fill our emptiness with Your Spirit. Fill our longing with Your comforting Presence. Fill our thirsty souls with Your "Living Water." Amen.

#### Hebrew Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

(God provides water from a rock for the people.)

#### \*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)

Gracious God, it is easy to have faith when things are going well. But sometimes the well of faith goes dry and our energy is drained by difficult situations or difficult decisions. Sometimes our disappointments feel unbearable and we freeze at critical moments, unable to say or do anything. Help us remember that You helped

**Moses find water in a rock and that Jesus drank from the cup of a Samaritan woman. May we know that even in the hardest of times, You are with us to guide and nurture our hearts and minds so that we may be filled with Your living water of care and love. Amen.**

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

**Listening for God’s Word**

**Gospel Lesson** John 4:5-30; 39-42  
(Jesus meets with the Samaritan woman at the well.)

**Anthem** “Ain’t That Good News!” trad., arr. Moses Hogan

**Sermon** “Living Water” Rev. Cooper

**\*Hymn (606)** “In Christ There Is No East or West” vs. 1 & 2

**Responding to God**

**Offering** “Album-leaf” Robert Schumann

**\* 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 (626)** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

**\*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** Ricercare in C Major Johann Pachelbel

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**Today March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Head Usher: D. Domelle**

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

**Scripture Reader:** P. Cookson

**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.

We are appreciative of the kindness and peace around us this morning. Lent 3 flowers are placed by R. and K. Shikaze. 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 3 - Worship Service 1 p.m. - Council Meeting** in the narthex.

**Tues. March 17<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m. – BUC Book Club meeting has been cancelled for this month.**

**Wed. March 18<sup>th</sup> – 2:30 p.m. – Worship Service at the Donway is cancelled.**  
**7:00 p.m. – Worship Team meeting in the narthex.**

**Thurs. March 19<sup>th</sup> – Worship Service at Momiji is cancelled due to the Corona virus.**

**Sun. March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Lent 4 - Worship Service Women's Fellowship Circle** gathering has been postponed due to the Corona virus.

**Sun. March 29<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**Sun. April 5<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday - Worship Service with Holy Communion and a Choir Cantata.** **The Youth Class** will meet with J. Egger during the service. **12:30p.m. – Come hear J. Egger** speak about his experiences of working for the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea. He 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.

**Fri. April 10<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Good Friday Service** to remember the last day of Jesus' life. Followed by refreshments. If anyone would like to do a reading in the service, please speak to Rev. Cooper. Thank you.

**Sun. April 12<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service.** We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through word and song. Please remember to bring your Lenten offering. Thank you.

**The Youth Class will meet on April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Save the Date: Sat. April 18th<sup>th</sup> – 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.  
**\*\*Please Note: Due to the Corona virus we may have to re-schedule this event.**

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 speak 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.**

**Head Usher: S. Hu**

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