

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

### Zoom Audio Call

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## 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of United Church Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020

11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

**Cooperation** is working together for the good of all. It is the willingness to stand side by side and use the different gifts each of us has to offer. We seek common goals in service of a unified vision. We blend our abilities to create something none of us could achieve alone. Conflict and contention drain us. Cooperation can fuel our dreams. With cooperation we help one another to share the load. We look for ways to be helpful, and ask for help when we need it. Together we accomplish greater things. (Virtues Project)

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## Praising God

**Prelude** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Trad. Spanish/  
"Let Us Break Bread Together" Spiritual, arr. J. Carter



### Words of Welcome

#### Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to quiet our thoughts as we prepare our hearts for worship...

This is the day that our God has made - let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

Today we celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The United Church of Canada. We praise God for the gift of our denomination. We give thanks for all those who worked together to bring unity and honour our diversity. On this 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we are invited to explore what it means to be the Church and to continue to create a future where we can live out our faith in ways that serve our communities and world. Let us worship, ready to respond with hope, faith, love and courage as the people of the United Church of Canada.

**Opening Prayer (together)**

**Creator God, we feel blessed to have the roots of Your Word and the wings of Your Spirit. Thank You that four different denominations overcame barriers to find common ground. We celebrate the positive ways Christianity in Canada has shaped our nation. Help us to build on the best of the past and give us courage and imagination for new ways of being Your Church today. Amen.**

**Affirmation of Faith**

One: Let us join together in our affirmation of our Christian faith...

**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 (331) "The Church's One Foundation" vs. 1 & 2**

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation by water and the Word;  
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be  
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
- 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

**Listening for God's Word**

**Hebrew Scripture** Psalm 138 C. MacLean  
(A song of thanksgiving and reasons for praise.)



**June 10, 1925** – Inaugural worship  
Mutual Street Arena, Toronto

**Solo** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"  
Charles Wesley  
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

**Sermon** "95 Years as the United Church"  
Rev. Cooper

## **Celebration of Holy Communion**

**The Invitation** Rev. Cooper

**Communion Hymn (469)** "We Gather Here" vs. 1 & 2

1. We gather here in Jesus' name,  
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,  
come, share the Lord.  
No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;  
finding our forgiveness here,  
we in turn forgive all wrongs.
- 2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,  
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,  
come, share the Lord.

### **Eucharist Prayer**

One: God be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**Many: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Let us celebrate the gift of life this table represents: the gift of physical nurture and strength, the gift of spiritual insight and care, the gift of hope in the midst of despair, the gift of love which can answer all hatred.

**All: We come as individuals as we share community and we depart after partaking of the table, as a body of believers.**

One: In the beginning, God's Spirit moved across the waters and called forth life from death and order from chaos. When God's people Israel were enslaved, God's Spirit led them forth to freedom and into a new land.

**All: At the baptism of our Lord, God's Spirit descended like a dove, blessing Him and guiding Him throughout His ministry. In the dark hours before His crucifixion, Jesus promised the gift of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to lead and guide us through the ages to come.**

One: On the day of Pentecost, God's Spirit came with the sound of a mighty wind and the appearance of tongues of fire. God filled the disciples with grace and power and sent them out to preach Good News to all people. Send now, O God, Your Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and cup. May they enable us to remember the Holy One by whom our thirst is quenched and our hunger satisfied. Amen.

### **The Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Bread and Wine**



**Post-Communion Prayer (together)**

**We give thanks, O God, that in love You have reached out to us, refreshed us at Your table and addressed our deepest need. May we be bread and wine for each other and the world. Send us forth with faith, hope and courage. Amen.**

**Hymn (420) "Go to the World" (vs. 1 & 3)**

- 1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews  
life's worth,  
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
  
- 3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Commissioning and Benediction**

May God, the Source of hope,  
fill you with all joy and peace  
by means of your faith in God,  
so that your hope will continue to grow  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13)

And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.  
(Irish Blessing)

**Postlude** "Song Without Words" Op. 30 #1  
Mendelssohn

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**Thank you** for joining our zoom audio and video worship service today. If you had any trouble connecting or hearing, please let us know.

We hope you experienced the awe and joy of being a part of the United Church. May its wisdom and courage guide you in your daily life and may you feel the blessing of partaking in the Lord's Supper. We hope your faith fills you with love and peace today and always.

**Many thanks** to B. Kai and the Zoom Team for coordinating our zoom audio and video service, to C. MacLean for reading our scripture and sharing in the communion liturgy. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

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**Today, Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**, we celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada as well as the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite you, when you join the service, to have a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage, and together we will share the Lord's Supper.

**Next Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**, we celebrate Indigenous Sunday and Father's Day.

**God bless you**, stay well, stay safe and we hope you tune in next week...same day, same time, and same Zoom phone number or video link.



**Have a Blessed Day!**