

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

### Zoom Audio Call

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Minister: Rev. C. Cooper

## Father's Day & Indigenous Sunday

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

**Humanity** is an attitude of caring and mercy toward all people. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. We all suffer and rejoice. Although in the eternal scheme of life, each of us is small, we are one of a kind, irreplaceable. We lose our humanity whenever we generalize about a group of people and separate ourselves from them because of external characteristics such as race or sex. We tap into our humanity when we put ourselves in others' shoes and are genuinely concerned for their welfare. Our humanity grows as we serve others. There is no "they", only "us". (Virtues Project)

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## Praising God

**Prelude** "Mouvements Perpétuels" 1 & 2  
Francis Poulenc



### Words of Welcome

### Call to Worship

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

Today as we celebrate Father's Day and Indigenous Sunday, we come before our Creator, who gave us life. With all our relations we pray, sing and dance for the Great Spirit that is at the centre of our circle of life.

We give thanks for fathers who inspire healthy competition, risk-taking and independence in others. We rejoice at the insights our Indigenous brothers and sisters teach us through their sacred teachings and spirituality. May our hearts beat as one through the rhythm of life!

**Opening Prayer (together)**

**Great Spirit, whose breath we feel in the wind, whose voice we hear in the birds, whose eyes we see in the children, hear our prayer. You are the God of all our yesterday, today and tomorrow. Give us eyes to see the Sacred Way You have presented for us. Teach us to walk in the footsteps of Your Son, the Chief of chiefs. May our worship strengthen and unite us as Your children of creation. Amen.**

**Hymn (375) "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" vs. 2 & 4**

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,  
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness,  
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their  
eyes. **R**

4You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream  
dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions your people arise. **R**

**Prayer for Grace (together)**

**Creator, open us this day to the power of Your love and interconnectedness. Help us to receive both the painful and inspiring stories in our world. By Your healing love, lead us toward Your healing grace and Your dream for wholeness among all nations. Transform our hearts and minds so that we may continually work for transformation and unity with all people. Amen.**

**Assurance of Grace**

One of God's incredible gifts of surprise is the offer of forgiveness. God's grace is offered freely to us all and in response we humbly say, "Thank You, God."

**Listening for God's Word**

**Gospel Lesson** Mark 4:26-34 L. Clubine-Ito  
(Jesus' parables of the growing seed and mustard seed.)



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**Solo** "Though I May Speak" Hal Hopson  
L. Lazar, Soprano

**Sermon** "Seeds of Hope" Rev. Cooper

**Hymn (595)** "We Are Pilgrims" vs. 1, 3 & 4

- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.

**Responding to God**

**The Seven Grandfather Sacred Teachings**

L. Clubine-Ito & Rev. Cooper

**Hymn (556)** "Would You Bless Our Homes & Families"  
(vs. 1 & 3)

- 1 **Would you bless our homes and families,  
Source of life who calls us here;  
in our world of stress and tension  
teach us love that conquers fear.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;**

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**Teach us when we face our troubles  
love's expressed in many ways.**

- 3 **From the homes in which we're nurtured,  
with the love that shapes us there,  
teach us, God, to claim as family  
every one whose life we share.  
And through all that life may offer,  
may we in your love remain;  
may the love we share in families  
be alive to praise your name.**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

May the warm winds of heaven,  
blow soft upon your house.  
May the Great Spirit,  
bless all who enter there.  
May your moccasins make,  
happy tracks in the deep snow.  
And may the rainbow always,  
touch your shoulder and give you peace.

Cherokee Blessing

**Postlude** "Here I Am, Lord" D.L. Schutte  
arr. Jack Schrader

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**Thank you** for joining our zoom audio and video  
worship service today. We hope that our celebration  
of Father's Day and Indigenous Sunday has touched  
and inspired your lives with wisdom, understanding  
and joy. May your faith fill you with love and peace  
today and always.

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**Many thanks** to B. Kai and the Zoom Team for coordinating our zoom audio and video service. Thanks to L. Clubine-Ito for reading our scripture and sharing in the reading of the Sacred Teachings. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

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

**Next Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**, we celebrate the 153<sup>rd</sup> Birthday of Canada. We invite you to wear red and white to the service.

**Newsletter** - Do you have something you would like to contribute to the BUC Summer 2020 Newsletter? We are looking for tidbits that have encouraged or inspired you over these last several months...maybe a poem, a joke or a favourite picture of your pet(s) or your garden. Perhaps, you would like to write an article. Please send your contribution to [office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca) by **July 5<sup>th</sup>**.

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**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!**



**Indigenous Sunday**