

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

### Zoom Audio Call

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Music Director: K. Quinton

Minister: Rev. C. Cooper

**Creation Time: Sky**

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

Wonder is being open to the beauty and mysteries of life. It is our soul's appreciation for what is precious and inspiring. When we look at the grandeur of nature, fully present to the moment, it can move us deeply. When we live reflectively, we delight in the signs and wonders that appear in our lives. We are alert to synchronicities that point us toward a decision or give us deeper insight into the truth. Wonder makes our lives simply wonderful. (The Virtues Project)

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## Praising God

Prelude Étude Op.2 #1 in C# Minor A. Scriabin



### 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 God has made - let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:24)

People of God, when you look up, what do you see? We see the rich blue sky, fluffy white clouds, and the bright yellow sun. When you look late in the day what do you see? We see a glowing orange and red sunset, black velvet skies, the silver moon and twinkling stars. As we look with wonder into the sky may its majesty touch our hearts and lift our spirits as we worship and praise our Creator God.

**Opening Prayer (together)**

**Awesome Creator God, we marvel at the beauty in the sky from sunrise to sunset, from dusk to dawn. Each time we look up we see the sky painted with beautiful scenes that can brighten our day and bring us great joy. May the fullness of Your creation enrich our lives and reflect Your glory. Amen.**

**Hymn (217) “All Creatures of Our God and King”**  
vs. 1, 2

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing:  
hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
soft shining moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises, sing praises,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
O lights of evening, find a voice:  
sing praises, sing praises,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

**Prayer for Grace (together)**

**Creator God, as we look to the heavens we celebrate the wonders of the world. Help us see Your presence in the daytime and evening sky. Help us to keep the skies pure and full of positive**

**energies. May we love the sky as You loved it when You called it into being. Enable us to be mindful of the wisdom it teaches and the glory that shines in our eyes. Amen.**

**Assurance of Grace**

The Good News is that God continues to inspire us and encourage us to live with respect in all creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Hebrew Reading** Genesis 1:3-5; 14-19  
(The creation of day and night.)  
C. MacLean

**Psalm Lesson** Psalm 19:1-9  
(The sky proclaims the glory of God.)



**Solo** “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You” Henry Van Dyke  
L. Lazar, Soprano

**Sermon** “The Gift of Sky” Rev. Cooper

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**Hymn (231) "I Sing the Mighty Power" vs. 1 & 2**

- 1 I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command  
and all the stars obey.
- 2 I sing the goodness of the One  
who filled the earth with food;  
who formed the creatures with a word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
O God, your wonders are displayed  
where'er I turn my eye;  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

**Responding to God**

**Prayers of the People**

**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.**

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**For ever and ever. Amen.**

**Hymn (242) "Let All Things Now Living"**

- 1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us,  
pure light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
till shadows have vanished and darkness  
is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.
- 2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.  
We, too, should be voicing  
our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise:  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,  
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

**Commissioning and Benediction**

God is your shade at your right hand;  
The sun will not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
God will watch over your life;  
God will watch over your coming and going  
both now and forever more. (Psalm 121:5-8)

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

**Postlude** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" D. Schutte  
arr.J. Schrader

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**Thank you** for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

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

You may now support Bayview United Church using **e-transfer** from your bank. Just follow the following procedure: Decide the amount that you wish to donate and email to: [office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca) In the comments section indicate where you would like your donation to go, for example Local, Mission and Service, Memorial, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. The e-transfer will go directly into the BUC bank account as we are set up for direct deposit. Thank you for your support of BUC.

During the month of September you might consider giving an extra donation to support the Terry Fox Run for cancer. A virtual run will be held this year on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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We will continue to offer Zoom audio and video worship services. Our priority is to keep everyone safe and well. This also means everyone who would like to attend our services is able to do so from their homes.

On Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, our theme will be Creation Time, led by the Worship Team while Rev. Cooper is away. On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Bayview United Church. We will also be commemorating "Orange Shirt Day", a day to remember the former students of residential schools. If you have an orange T-shirt, you are invited to wear it.

**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!!**