

# 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

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 11:00 a.m.

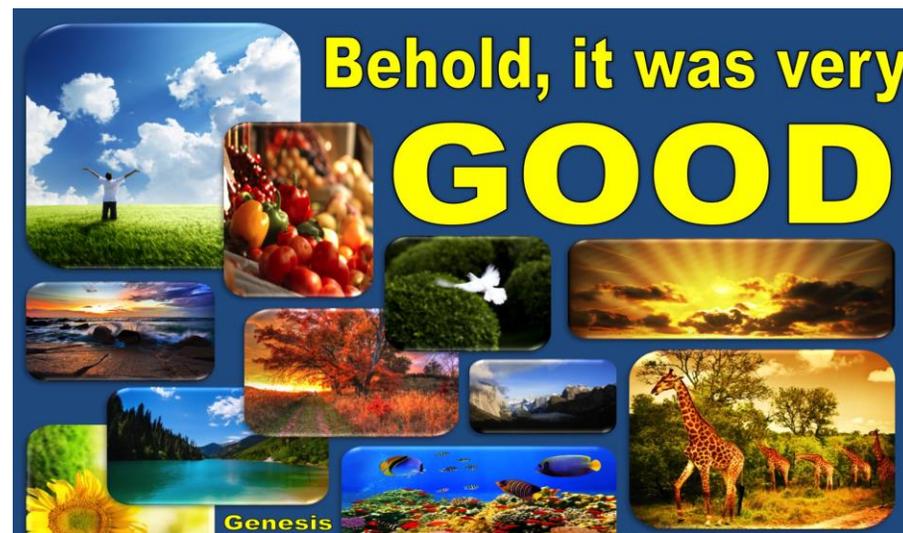
### Moment of Silent Reflection:

Reverence is living with an awareness that we are always in the presence of the Creator and that all life is precious. When we practice reverence, we open ourselves to experience faith, love and deep respect for the mysteries and wonders of life. We take time in solitude and silence each day to contemplate, to pray and reflect. We seek to discern the deeper meaning of our lives. The beauty of nature restores our souls. We are respectful stewards of the earth. We treasure all life.  
(The Virtues Project)

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## Praising God

**Prelude** "For the Beauty of the Earth" C. Kocher  
arr. P. Keveren



**Words of Welcome**

C. MacLean

**Call to Worship**

J. Brooker

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)

In the beginning when the earth was dark and shapeless, God's Spirit swept over the face of the waters. Then God created day and night, land and sea and all that is within them. God then created humankind to care for all creation. As we worship let us praise our Creator God!

**Opening Prayer (together)**

**Creator God, thank You for this amazing planet we call home. With Your breath You gave life to the earth and set us in a garden of wonder and delight. We gather in worship to give thanks for the gift of this new day, knowing we stand on Your holy ground. May we hear You speaking to us through the wonders of our earth. Amen.**

**Hymn (296) "This Is God's Wondrous World" vs. 1&2**

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.

**Prayer for Grace (together)**

**O God, the only source of life and energy and wealth, defend our planet earth. Teach us to conserve and not to squander the riches of nature; to use aright the heritage of former**

**generations, and to plan for the welfare of our children's children. Renew our wonder, awaken our concern, and make us better stewards and more careful tenants of the world You lend us as our home. Hear us, O God, our creator and redeemer, in the name of Christ. Amen.**

(Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1982, VU 311)

**Assurance of Grace**

The Good News is God continues to be our Creator, providing us with new opportunities to nurture our lives and world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Hebrew Reading** Genesis 1:1-5, 9-13, 20-21, 24-25  
(God creates heaven and earth.)

L. Clubine-Ito



**Solo**

**"How Great Thou Art" C.G. Boberg  
Translated by S. K. Hine  
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano**

**Sermon**

**"Wonders of Earth" J. Cermak**

**Hymn (297) "All Praise to You" vs. 1 & 2**

- 1 All praise to you, O God of all creation:  
you made the world, and it is yours alone.  
The planet earth you spun in its location  
amid the stars adorning heaven's dome.  
We lease the earth but for a life's duration,  
yet for this life it is our cherished home.
- 2 With wondrous grace you clothed the earth in  
splendour;  
with teeming life you filled the sea and land.  
Instil in us a sense of awe and wonder  
when we behold the bounty of your hand.  
Then when we hear the voice of bird or thunder,  
we hear the voice our faith can understand.

**Responding to God**

**Minute for Mission** L. Clubine-Ito

**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 (260) "God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness" vs. 1 & 2**

- 1 God who gives to life its goodness,  
God creator of all joy,  
God who gives to us our freedom,  
God who blesses tool and toy:  
teach us now to laugh and praise you,  
deep within your praises sing,  
till the whole creation dances  
for the goodness of its King.
- 2 God who fills the earth with beauty,  
God who binds each friend to friend,  
God who names us co-creators  
God who wills that chaos end:  
grant us now creative spirits,  
minds responsive to your mind,  
hearts and wills your rule extending  
all our acts by Love refined.

**Commissioning and Benediction** J. Brooker

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

**Postlude "Joshua" (Fit the Battle of Jericho)**  
arr. P. Keveren

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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. Great thanks to C. MacLean, J. Brooker, J. Cermak and L. Clubine-Ito for leading the service while Rev. Cooper is away. 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, held this year on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Group runs will be virtual this year. However, some of our Sunday school students are planning to bike or walk on their own.

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

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like to attend our services is able to do so from their homes.

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. Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, is World Wide Communion Sunday. 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.

**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!!**