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Worship Service

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World Food Day

Sunday, October 25th, 2020 11:00 a.m.

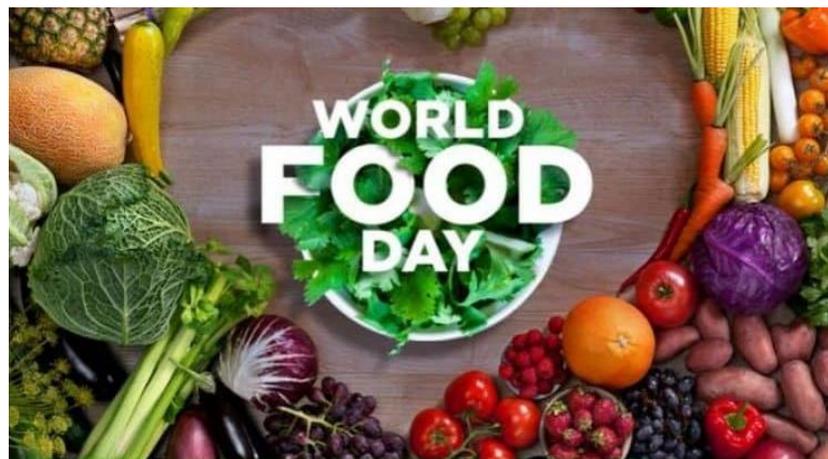
Moment of Silent Reflection:

Charity is a giving heart, a generous way of viewing others and caring for their needs. Unless we are charitable, no matter how much excellence we acquire, it is without purpose. Charity springs from compassion for the suffering of others, even those we don't know. Charity moves us, and we respond to their needs, giving help and kindness. We make a genuine difference in their lives. When we are charitable, we don't judge others. We give them the benefit of the doubt. Charity is caring made manifest. It begins with those closest to us and includes us. Charity creates a circle of love. (The Virtues Project)

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Praising God

Prelude "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
Henry Baker/trad Irish melody



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)

God says, "Everyone who thirsts, come to the water." Come, you who have no money. Come by and eat. Come and feast on the living bread so that we might minister to the world's hungers. Let us come to drink from the waters of life, so that we might minister to the world's thirsts! May our worship enable us to bring compassion and help to those in need. Together let us give God thanks and praise as we worship!

Opening Prayer (together)

As we come to You in worship, Compassionate God, we come seeking a world where all have access to nutritious and sustainable food sources and no one lives with food insecurity. Help us to be part of a world response that works in partnership with those seeking to foster equitable resource sharing. May we all seek to find new ways to answer the call to end hunger so all people may flourish. Amen.

Hymn (222) "Come, Let Us Sing" vs. 1, 2

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord our song,
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2 O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

Prayer for Grace (together)

Loving God, our world is not always a fair place to live. While some have more than they can eat, others starve. While some have sheets and blankets, others have no bed. O God, help us to make this world a place where all who hunger have food and all who are homeless have shelter. Give us strength and courage to feed the hungry as we seek to live by Christ's example. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

The Good News is there is no divide God cannot cross. God reaches out and embraces us with love and compassion each day. Thanks be to God!

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-46

(Love God, love your neighbour as yourself.)

C. Watanabe



Solo "In Christ There Is No East or West"

John Oxenham

L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "Grow, Nourish, Sustain. Together, Our Actions Are **Our Future**" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (356) "Seek Ye First" vs. 1, 2, 3

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

3 We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Hallelu, hallelujah.

Responding to God

Minute for Mission P. Watanabe

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 (896) “Blest Are They, the Poor” vs. 1,2,4

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit,
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.**

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
they shall have their fill. **R**

4 Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs. **R**

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

Postlude “Amazing Grace” from *Virginia Harmony*
arr. Jack Schrader

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 J. Brooker for
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.
Thanks to C. Watanabe for reading our scripture and
P. Watanabe for reading the Minute for Mission.
Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles
Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

You can support Bayview United Church using **e-transfer** from your bank. Just follow this procedure: Decide the amount that you wish to donate, complete the transaction according to your bank's instructions and email to: 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.

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.

Today, Sunday, October 25th, our theme will be World Food Day. We invite you to give a special offering to support the Mission and Service Fund.

Sunday, November 1st, will be our **Annual Memorial Sunday** to remember loved ones who have died since Oct. 2019. If you have had a loved one or friend pass away this past year, please let Rev. Cooper know their name and date of passing by Oct. 25th. You will be invited to light a candle in your home in memory of your loved one when their name is read.

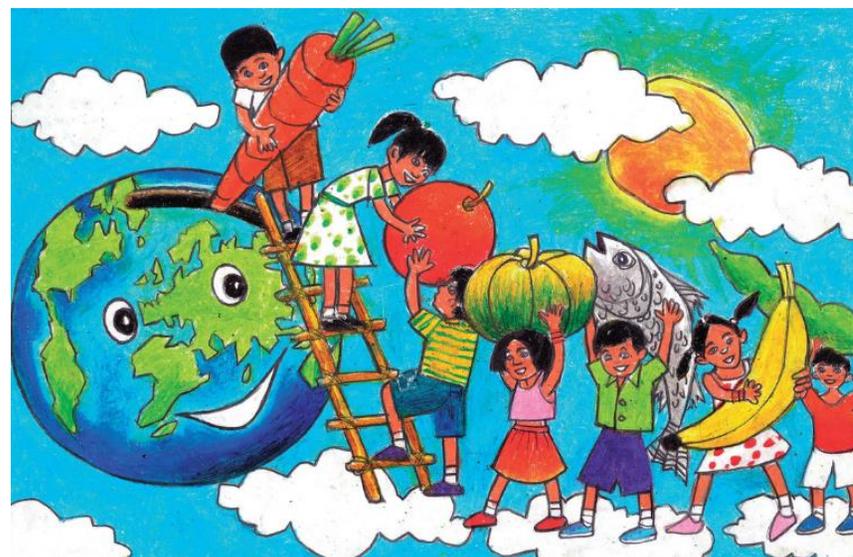
Sunday, November 8th, is **Remembrance Sunday**. P. Tibbles Cookson will provide us with special music and readings along with J. Liddle playing the

Last Post and a special anthem.

Sunday, November 15th, Worship Service

Newsletter - Please send your contribution to office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca by today. We are looking for stories that have encouraged or inspired you over these last several months...maybe a poem, a joke, inspirational saying, your garden, a worship service picture. Perhaps, you would like to write an article. Thank you for your contributions.

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!!