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Worship Service

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Advent 1: Mission Sunday

Sunday, November 29th, 2020 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Helpfulness is doing useful things for others—things that make a difference to them, no matter how small. It is taking the time to be thoughtful, reflecting on what people truly need and assisting them respectfully. We help others by doing things they cannot do for themselves. It is often easier to give help than to receive it. It takes courage to ask for help when we need it. There is always plenty of help when we are willing to ask. When we work selflessly to benefit the lives of others, we always bless our own.

(The Virtues Project)

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
13th century plainsong, arr. Cindy Berry



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

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

It's Advent!

It is the season of anticipation.

It is the time of hopeful waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus our Light of the world.

But we do not wait and prepare alone.

God is with us to help us on our journey.

As we worship, let us ready our hearts to receive all the blessings before us this Advent season.

Opening Prayer (together)

Ever-present God, as we begin the season of Advent, we are actively preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus into our lives. In this time of waiting, help us to remember the gifts Jesus

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brings to the world. May we come to see and know You better as we begin our Advent journey. Amen.

Hymn (2) "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
(tune:333)

- 1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free:
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
- 2 Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
- 3 Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;
born to reign in us for ever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
- 4 By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Advent Candle Lighting "Candle of Hope"
R. and A. Graham

Candle-Lighting Hymn "Give Us Hope for the World"
(tune: Give Us Oil)

Give us hope for the world, while we're waiting,
Give us hope for ourselves, we pray,
Give us hope for Your love and Your healing,
Give us hope for a brand new day.

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Chorus: Light a candle, light a candle
Light a candle while we wait and pray.
Light a candle, light a candle,
Light a candle of God's hope.



Prayer for Grace (together)
We enter, Creator God, into this season of preparation and anticipation, longing to skip ahead and celebrate the coming of Your light into our lives. But in Your wisdom, You slow us down, invite us to breathe deeply and take time to prepare ourselves for Your amazing gift. We know Your Spirit comes to us in unexpected ways, so help us to take time to help those in special need this Advent season. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Jesus is our hope who shows us how to love and care for one another. Let us rejoice in Christ's light with us. Amen.

Gospel Reading Mark 13:24-37 L. Clubine-Ito
(Be ready for when the Son of God appears.)

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- Solo** "Coventry Carol" 16th century
K. Davidson, Soprano
- Introduction of Guest Speaker** Rev. Cooper
- Sharing** "Eva's Place: Our White Gift Project"
S. Vu
- Thank You** Rev. Cooper



- Hymn (424)** "May the God of Hope"
- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
- Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**
- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

Responding to God

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- Prayers of the People** Rev. Cooper
- 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 (569) "You Call Us Out" vs. 4 and 5

- 4 The church that offers healing,
discerns its wounds and loss;
the church that faces dying,
shares life beyond the cross;
to people torn and broken,
your mercy is revealed;
we praise your name, who loves us,
the healer and the healed.
- 5 Our feeble voices struggle,
to sing your justice clear;
the world has sunk in silence,
each discord echoes fear;
one voice alone is ragged,
together we are strong;
we praise your name, who breathes us,
the singer and the song.

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (tune: 48 Hark! the Herald...Sing)

**In this Advent time of waiting,
May we serve the Prince of Peace.
Share His love with those around us,
Joy and hope in all increase.
Dream the vision, tell the story,
Healing bring to those in need.
Share the promises once more,
Christ is near, who came before.
Advent comes, the time is here,
Jesus Christ will soon appear.**

Postlude "I Wonder as I Wander"
J. J. Niles, arr. Mark Hayes

A special welcome and thank you to S. Vu who is speaking to us today about Eva's Place. She is the Annual & Community Giving Officer for Eva's Initiatives for Homeless Youth. Thank you, Ms. Vu, for joining our service and telling us about the work at Eva's Place.

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 R. and A. Graham for reading our Advent Candle liturgy. Thanks to L. Clubine-Ito for reading our scripture. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Special thanks to K. Davidson for singing a solo in our service today. You have such a beautiful voice. It is wonderful to have you worshipping with us! Welcome back.

White Gift Project: On White Gift Sunday, December 20th, you are invited to give a financial contribution to support projects at Eva's Place. \$15 for a Personal Hygiene Kit; \$30 for a Harm Reduction Kit; \$50 for a Safe Bed for a Night; \$63 Feed a Youth for 2 Weeks; \$80 Two Weeks of Transportation; \$150 Fresh Start for Beginners; \$360 Feed the Shelter for a Day. Thank you for your support!

Today, Sunday, November 29th, Advent I, the candle of **Hope** will be lit. We welcome guest speaker S. Vu from Eva's Place: Homeless Youth Shelter.

Sunday, December 6th, Advent II, the candle of **Peace** will be lit. We will also celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**. We invite you, when you join the service, to have ready a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage, and together we will share the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, December 13, Advent III, the candle of **Joy** will be lit and **Blue Christmas Service**. You are invited to light candles (battery or real) in your homes in memory of loved ones who have passed away over the years. There will also be a blue star in the bulletin that you can write your loved ones' names on.

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Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please email E. Turnbull or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request. Thank you.

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.

Our Church Administrator, M. Leone, will be in the church office Mon., Wed., and Friday from 10 to 3 p.m.

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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!!