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Worship Service

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Advent II: Candle of Peace

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, December 6th, 2020

11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Empathy is the ability to put ourselves in another's place and to understand their experience. We are deeply present to their thoughts and feelings with such compassionate accuracy that they can hear their own thoughts more clearly. Empathy connects us with our common humanity. It protects us from prejudice, blame, and judgment - those things that divide us from each other. With empathy, we reflect on how our actions affect others. It moves us to seek justice for every person, even those with whom we disagree. Empathy inspires us to be giving and selfless. Empathy connects our hearts. (The Virtues Project)

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Praising God

Prelude "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
C. Wesley/R.S.Prichard arr. Joseph M. Martin



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

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

A voice cries out, "Prepare the way through the wilderness." Together let us follow the Advent road. As we travel we will come across smooth and rugged pathways that will provide us with the courage, strength and wisdom to carry us forward as we prepare to meet the Prince of Peace in our hearts and minds.

Let us continue our journey to Bethlehem, which means House of Bread. Together let us share a single loaf of bread and a common cup of wine in a spirit of peace. Let us unite as one body in Christ as we worship and praise God.

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Opening Prayer (together)

God of Advent promise, we gather to hear Your call for calm and peace in our hearts. Help us to open ourselves to receive Your peace and to be peace wherever we go. May we hear the voice of the angels guiding us to see and experience God's love that came to us in Christ's birth.
Amen.

Hymn (5) "All Earth is Waiting" vs. 1 & 3

1 All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
it cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

3 Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain,
open new highways, new highways for our God,
who is now coming closer, so come all and see,
and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

Advent Candle Lighting "Candle of Peace" The Takasaki Family



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Candle Hymn "Give Us Peace for Our World"

(tune: Give Us Oil)

Give us peace for our world, while we're waiting,
Give us peace for ourselves, we pray,
Give us peace from our fears and from worry,
Give us peace for a brand new day.

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 peace.

Prayer for Grace (together)

God of Hope and Peace, we are waiting for Your Word to be made flesh among us. John the Baptist came to challenge us to prepare the way of Christ. Our preparations can seem difficult and overwhelming at times. Give us the wisdom and determination we need to be open to the mystery of this season. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Jesus gives us the guidance we need to live our lives in a spirit of hope and peace. Let us rejoice in Christ's light with us. Amen.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8 P. Watanabe
(John the Baptist proclaims that someone greater than he is coming)

Solo "O Day of Peace" Carl P. Daw Jr./H. Parry
L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "Preparing the Way" Rev. Cooper

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Celebration of Holy Communion

The Invitation

One: It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to his table, where in bread and wine, he meets us and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other.

So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood.

Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you.

Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.

Hymn (480) “Let Us Break Bread Together”

1 Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.

**When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.**

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees. R

3 Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees. R

Eucharistic Prayer (Rev. Cooper and P. Watanabe)

One: May God be with you as you lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift our hearts to God and give God
thanks and praise.**

One: Blessed are You, Creator God: You formed the universe in all its wonder, gave us all we could need, and commissioned us as stewards and caretakers of all that You have made.

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All: You spoke to Abraham and Sarah: “Go from your country, your family home, to a land I will show you,” and so You established a covenant with Israel.

One: You spoke to Moses: “Come, I will send you to Pharaoh to lead my people out of Egypt.” And so You delivered Israel from slavery into freedom.

**All: Through royalty and revolutionaries,
midwives and mediators, wanderers and
wonderers, You proclaimed Your gracious
way of justice and shalom.**

One: In the fullness of time You sent Your beloved child, Jesus, the Anointed One, to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and proclaim that the time of Your favour had come.

**All: Through the countryside and in the city Jesus
proclaimed Your holy will. With signs and
wonders, Jesus inaugurated Your gracious
reign. With simple acts of love, he showed
the wonders of Your care.**

One: Loving God, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, sanctify these gifts. Pour out Your Spirit upon us all that we, Your people, by Your grace, may remain in faithful covenant with You, with each other and with all the world. So may that day of promise come when we shall feast with You at the banquet spread for all time. Amen.

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Words of Institution

Rev. Cooper



Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(You are invited to eat a piece of bread or cracker and drink a beverage.)

Post-Communion Prayer (unison)

We give thanks, O God, that You have refreshed us at Your table. Thank You for touching our deepest needs and for calling us to live in unity and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy so that we may live in a spirit of hope for ourselves and our world.

Amen.

Hymn (44) “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” vs.1, 2

- 1 It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold,
'Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven's all-gracious King!'
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

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- 2 Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled;
and still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.

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.

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 the Takasaki family for reading our Advent Candle liturgy. Thanks to P. Watanabe for

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reading our scripture and for reading the communion liturgy. Thank you to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Special thanks to T. Takasaki for playing his clarinet in our service today. Thanks for sharing your love of the clarinet with us.

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, 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.

Sunday, December 20th, Advent IV, the Candle of love will be lit and we will celebrate White Gift.

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Money donations will go to support Eva's Place, a shelter for youth in North York.

Thursday, December 24th, at 7:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Service with carols, solos, scriptures, a Christmas drama and the Christ candle lighting. Come celebrate and relive the Christmas story once again!!

Sunday, December 27th, carol service to sing your favourite carols. Please email or call Rev. Cooper with your favourite carols. We will try and sing as many as possible.

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.

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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., Thurs. and Friday from 10 to 3 p.m.

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!!