

Bayview United Church

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Worship Service

Zoom Audio Call

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Music Director: K. Quinton

Minister: Rev. C. Cooper

Baptism of Jesus Sunday

Sunday, January 10th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

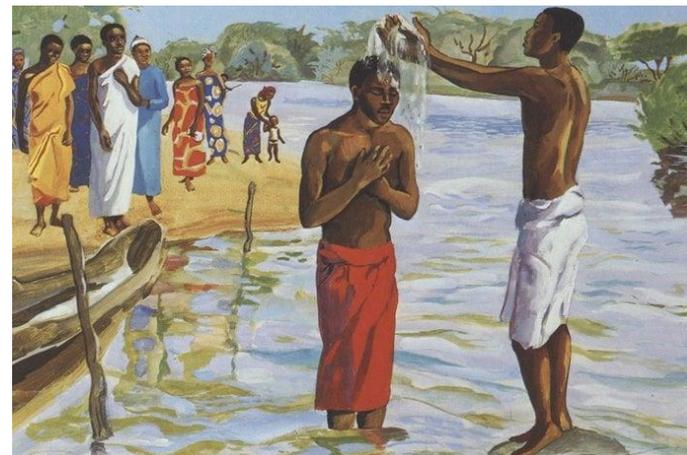
Moment of Silent Reflection:

Perceptiveness is clarity of insight. It is being observant of what is beneath the surface and looking for the deeper meaning. When we are perceptive, our understanding is intuitive and discerning. We slow down into awareness. We perceive the nuances of meaning in an idea or situation. We strive to see what is truly going on. We are thoughtful and considerate. Above all, we offer others the gift of feeling heard and understood. We are mirrors to their souls. (The Virtues Project)

“Only in quiet waters do things mirror themselves undistorted. Only in a quiet mind is adequate perception of the world.” Hans Margolius

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude “Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine”
H. Percy Smith, arr. Cindy Berry



The Baptism of Jesus by John

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

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

Let us journey to the Jordan River; the place where the people of Israel came to find God.

Let us stand with Jesus and the crowds, who came to the river to be baptized by John the Baptist.

Let us see the heavens open and hear God's affirmation, “You are my beloved child in whom I am well pleased.”

May glory and praise be given to God-with-us!

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Opening Prayer (together)

Loving God, Whose voice cried in the wilderness and cried in a cradle, Whose presence is found in the beauty of the sunrise and in the life of One rising out of the Jordan, we gather to receive Your blessings. Your voice has called and we have come. May we be touched by the healing energies of Your presence as we bathe in the water of Your love. Amen.

Hymn (100) "When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized"
vs. 1, 4, 5

- 1 When Jesus comes to be baptized, he leaves the hidden years behind, the years of safety and of peace, to bear the sins of humankind.
- 4 O Spirit help us be like Christ: to live in love and charity, to walk in truth and justice now, and grow in Christian dignity.
- 5 We praise you, God, source of all life, we praise you, Christ, eternal Word, we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift; your triune presence fills our world.

Affirmation of Our Baptismal Faith (unison)

**I believe in the power of baptism.
I believe that something deeper than I know happens and I am bound forevermore to a life that is ancient yet born anew in me.**

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I believe in the power of baptism to transcend time and space and call me to discipleship with Christ.

The muddy waters of the Jordan River that swirl over him, merge with the clear waters of the baptismal font that splash on me and we become one as those waters are one.

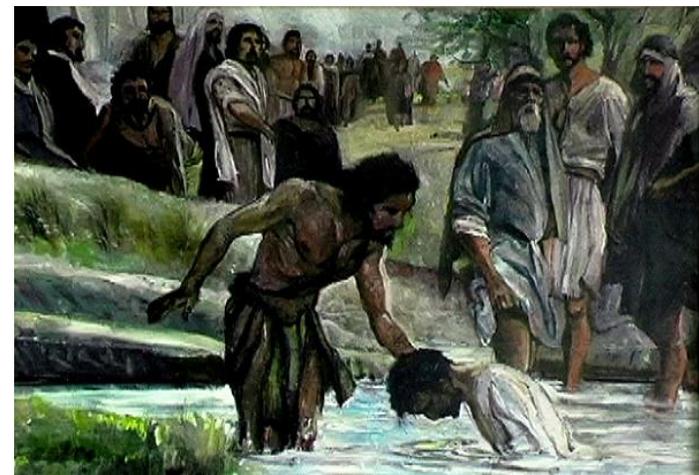
I am no longer my own or on my own.

I believe in the power of baptism to shake the heavens and my world.

I believe in the power of the Spirit's touch and those baptized find themselves made new, made beloved, made whole.

I believe in the power of baptism to call us to ourselves and to Christ.

I believe in the power of baptism to immerse us in the waters of blessing and send us forth, wet and wild with hope, to be a blessing ourselves.



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Epistle Reading Acts 19:1-7 L. Clubine-Ito
(Paul baptizes with the Spirit.)

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:4-11 L. Clubine-Ito
(Jesus is baptized by John.)

Solo "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
attr. to St. Francis, music by Sebastian Temple
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Sermon "The Spirit of Baptism" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (375) "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" vs. 1, 3
**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

- 1 You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the
valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings. **R**
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. **R**

Responding to God

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Statement of Faith -The New Creed-
We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
Who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
Who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church;
To celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
To love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn (87) "I Am the Light of the World" vs. 1 & 2
'I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!
If you follow and love
you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.

- 1 When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and the shepherds
have found their way home,
the work of Christmas is begun: **R**

2 To find the lost and lonely one,
to heal the broken soul with love,
to feed the hungry children
with warmth and good food,
to feel the earth below, the sky above! R

Commissioning and Benediction

May God bless you and keep you.

May God's face shine upon you,

And be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with kindness,

And give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.

(Irish Blessing)

Postlude Arabesque #1 Claude Debussy

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

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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.

Today, Sunday, January 10th, Baptism of Jesus Sunday.

Sunday, January 17th, worship service at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 24th, worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Annual Reports for 2020 are due on February 1st. Please send reports to church office, office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sun. March 7th, 2021.

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 contact E. Turnbull or R. Shikaze with your prayer request. Thank you.

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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!