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Worship Service

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Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 7th, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Nobility is keeping faith with our true value as spiritual beings. It is living up to the virtues, the Divine trust within us. We treat ourselves and others with dignity and respect. We speak and act graciously. We choose the moral high road regardless of the cost. If others try to bring us down, we remain steadfast, remembering our true worth. Our sense of decency is our touchstone. The world's temptations cannot divert us from our purpose. We don't follow the path of least resistance. We lead principled lives. We live the good life.

(The Virtues Project)

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Praising God

Prelude "O Traum der Jugend, O goldner Stern"
Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

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

When we needed guidance and direction for living, God gave us a covenant to live by and caring people to support us.

When God's house of worship was turned into a den of thieves,

Jesus took action to make the temple holy and just. We celebrate the gifts of all God's children and especially women today.

We are living temples for God's Spirit.

May our lives honour the One who walks within us.

Opening Prayer (unison)

Righteous God, we journey with Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem. We are shaken as Jesus overturns the tables of the dealers. We marvel as He announces Himself as the true temple. As His followers, we are living temples. God dwells in us. Help us to clear away whatever would clutter and hinder the life of Your Spirit. May our lives shine with the brightness of Your glory, and bear witness to Your highest values. Amen.

Hymn (697) "O for a World" vs. 1,2,3,4

- 1 O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.
- 2 O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.
- 3 We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.
- 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

Prayer for Grace (unison)

God of passion and compassion, You have created us with strong emotions. We have often

learned that Christians should be meek and mild, yet Jesus got angry and took action. He got angry at injustice and inhumanity. Forgive our apathy in the face of wrongdoing, and give us the courage to act. Teach us the difference between destructive rage and healthy anger. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

God's love is unconditional. No matter what we do, God reaches out to us and embraces us with love, joy and compassion. Thanks be to God!

Hebrew Lesson Exodus 20:1-17 M. Kitagawa
(The Ten Commandments.)

Gospel Lesson John 2:13-23 M. Kitagawa
(Jesus clears the temple.)



Solo "God of Freedom, God of Justice"
Shirley Erena Murray
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Sermon "Sacred Tables" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (642) "Be Thou My Vision" vs.1, 2, 3

- 1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save that thou art,
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward,
O power of my power.

Responding to God

Our Lenten Project K. Shikaze

Minute for Mission Story R. Shikaze

Hymn (402) "We Are One" vs.1, 2, 4

- 1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.
- 2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand

- there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.
- 4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

Commissioning and Benediction

Although the road is long and the journey is hard
Although the mountains are too high
And the valleys are too low
By Your grace, give us hope
By Your power, give us strength
By Your mercy, give us wisdom
So that we may continue to go where You lead us
Until all Your children are safe from harm.
May we go with Your light shining in us. Amen.

Choral Amen "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we;
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now,

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With ev'ry step I take let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Postlude "Simple Gifts" trad. Shaker melody
arr. Cindy Berry

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

March 8th is International Woman's Day and in honour of this day all of our music and hymns are written or translated by women.

Many thanks to B. Kai, J. Brooker, R. Bloor and R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to M. Kitagawa for reading our scriptures. Thanks to K. Shikaze for introducing our Lenten Project and to R. Shikaze for reading our Minute for Mission story. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Lenten Project: Since August 25, when violence escalated in Myanmar's Rakhine State, more than 720,000 children and adults from the ethnic Rohingya minority have sought refuge in Bangladesh, fearing for their lives. Many are exhausted, sick and hungry. Rohingya children have witnessed things no child should see while fleeing their homes in Myanmar. From May until September, refugees face

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Bangladesh's monsoon season, with heavy rains and powerful winds, can tear through the camps, leaving behind crumpled shelters and families scrambling to rebuild. Save the Children is providing vital food, shelter, health, nutrition, hygiene and emotional care to the children.

Our **Lenten Offering** this year will go to support the Rohingya Crisis through **Save the Children**. You are invited to send a donation to BUC anytime in Lent or at Easter. If you make a donation, please specify "Lent, Save the Children". Thank you for your support of this important cause.

You can support Bayview United Church using **e-transfer** from your bank. Decide the amount you wish to donate, follow your bank's instructions & email to: office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca In the comments section indicate where you would like your donation to go, for example Local, Mission and Service, Easter, Memorial, etc. Thank you for your support of BUC. **Today, Sunday, March 7th, Third Sunday of Lent 1:00 p.m., voting rehearsal** for Annual Meeting on Zoom

Sunday March 14th, Fourth Sunday of Lent 1:00 p.m. – Annual Congregational Meeting on Zoom audio/video.

Please submit any questions or comments on the reports before March 14th to the church office or C. MacLean.

Sunday March 21st, Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

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!