

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

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## Sixth Sunday after Easter Mother's Day Service

Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

11:00 a.m.

### **Moment of Silent Reflection:**

**Consideration** is giving careful thought to the needs of others. It is also holding a decision in a contemplative and thoughtful way. We mindfully consider what will result from our choices before we act. We speak with gentleness and tact. We care about others and their feelings. We carefully observe their preferences and needs, then do things to give them ease or bring them joy. Consideration shines in small daily acts that add to the happiness of others. It is one of the most meaningful ways to show love.

Considerate people give the very best gifts.

(Virtues Project)

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## Praising God

Prelude

"God Give Us Christian Homes"

B.B. McKinney, arr. Cindy Berry



Words of Welcome

### Call to Worship

Let us take a moment to quiet our thoughts as we prepare to enter into worship...

Today we celebrate the gift of mothers and grandmothers and all those who nurture us in a spirit of love and care.

May Mother Spirit tend and protect our lives.  
May Mother Church feed and nurture our soul.  
May Mother God invite us into a relationship with each other as God's children.

Let us clap our hands and shout, "Amen" as we praise God who unites us as family.

Together let us rejoice and celebrate the gift of mothers as we worship.

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**Opening Prayer (together)**

**Nurturing God, today we are especially grateful for mothers and all who have been like a mother to us. Thank You for the power of love and the many ways love is expressed. We also value the warmth and support of those who have mothered us: teachers and neighbours, grandparents and siblings, friends and companions. We gather in worship to express our gratitude and to drink deeply of Your Holy Love. Amen.**

**Hymn (409) "Morning Has Broken" vs.1,2,3**

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

**Prayer for Grace (together)**

**Mothering God, we give thanks for our families. We know there are many different kinds of families, so grant us the grace to respect and honour each other's uniqueness. Help us to listen and respond to one another in a spirit of**

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**love. Transform our lives into Your hope for our world. Amen.**

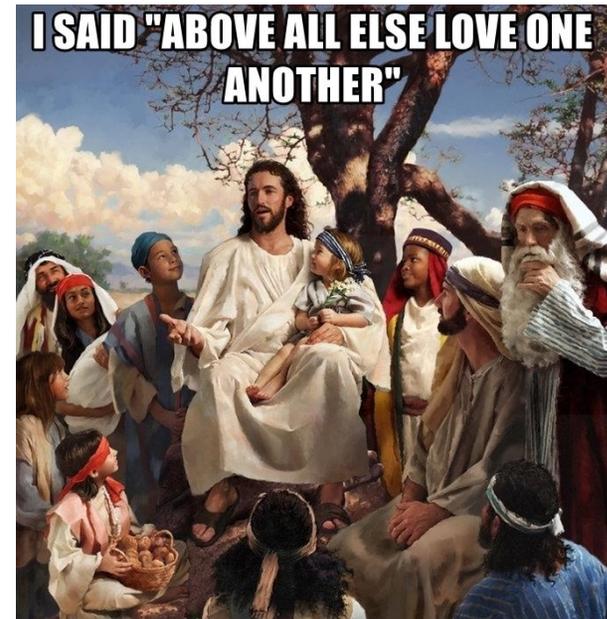
**Assurance of Grace**

When we open our ears and listen, new possibilities will be presented to us and they will guide us into the future in a spirit of hope. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Listening for God's Word**

**Epistle Reading** 1 John 5:1-4 C. MacLean  
(To Love God is to follow God's commandments.)

**Gospel Lesson** John 15:9-17 C. MacLean  
(Love one another as I have loved you.)



**Solo** "Now Thank We All Our God" Martin Rinckart  
L. Lazar, Soprano

**Sermon** "The Gift of Love" Rev. Cooper

**Hymn (365)** "Jesus Loves Me" vs. 1,2,3

- 1 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
in his love we shall be strong.  
**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!**  
**Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**
- 2 Jesus loves me, this I know,  
as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee,  
saying, 'Let them come to me.' **R**
- 3 Jesus loves me still today,  
walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give  
light and love to all who live. **R**

## **Responding to God**

### **Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer (together)**

**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 (556)** "Would You Bless Our Homes..."  
vs. 1,2,3

- 1 Would you bless our homes and families,  
Source of life who calls us here;  
in our world of stress and tension  
teach us love that conquers fear.  
Help us learn to love each other  
with a love that constant stays;  
teach us when we face our troubles,  
love's expressed in many ways.
- 2 When our way is undemanding,  
let us use the time that's ours  
to delight in simple pleasures,  
sharing joys in gentle hours.  
When our way is anxious walking  
and a heavy path we plod,  
teach us trust in one another  
and in you, our gracious God.
- 3 From the homes in which we're nurtured,  
with the love that shapes us there,  
teach us, God, to claim as family  
every one whose life we share.  
And through all that life may offer,  
may we in your love remain;  
may the love we share in families  
be alive to praise your name.

**Commissioning and Benediction**

May the God of new beginnings light your path.

May the song of the Spirit, play in your heart.

May Jesus, our promise of new life, take you by the hand and lead you in the dance of life.

And until we meet again,

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

(Irish Blessing)

**Choral Amen (586) "We Shall Go Out" vs. 1**

**We shall go out with hope of resurrection;**

**we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;**

**we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;**

**tales of a love that will not let us go.**

**We'll sing our songs of wrongs**

**that can be righted;**

**we'll dream our dreams of hurts**

**that can be healed;**

**we'll weave a cloth of all the world united**

**within the vision of new life in Christ.**

**Postlude** "The Gift of Love" Scottish melody  
arr. John Carter

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**Thank you** for joining our Zoom audio/video worship service. May your hearts be touched with a spirit of peace and calm knowing God is always with you to guide, support and care for you.

**Many thanks** to B. Kai, J. Brooker, R. Bloor and R. Kunihiro for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to C. MacLean for reading our scriptures. Thanks to K. Quinton,

L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

**Today, Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, Celebration of Mother's Day.**

**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Worship Service**  
**1:00p.m. – Council Meeting** on Zoom

**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Sunday**

**Spring/Summer 2021 Newsletter:** If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, we are looking for stories and pictures that have encouraged or inspired you over these last several months...maybe a poem, a joke, an inspirational saying, your garden, a worship service picture. Perhaps, you would like to write an article or have an announcement or update from your Ministry Team. Please send your contribution to [office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca) by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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.

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**God bless you**, stay well, and we hope you join in next week...same day, same time, same number and video link.



**Cherry Tree Blossom**

**May you have a Blessed Day!**