

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

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**Minister: Rev. C. Cooper**

## **Ascension Sunday**

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 a.m.

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

**Initiative** is originality and creativity in action. When we have initiative, we boldly express new ideas, discover a new method, or find a different way to solve a problem. We lead our lives responsibly. We don't wait for others to remind us or pressure us into action. We accept responsibility as an engaging opportunity to apply our own ideas. We spring to a challenge with enthusiasm. We call on discernment to forge a new way. We use our creativity to bring something new into the world. With initiative we dare to be original. (Virtues Project)

“Whatever you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.”

(Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe)

## Page 2 **Praising God**

**Prelude** "Traumerei", Op.15, #7 Robert Schumann



### **Words of Welcome**

#### **Call to Worship**

Let us take a moment to open our hearts to worship and praise God...

God called to Jesus to ascend into the heavens so they could be together as one.

God's Spirit calls to our spirits, touching our lives with love.

God's Spirit calls us by name, wanting to assure us we are not alone.

God's Spirit invites us to re-energize and ignite a new spirit of faith and commitment.

Let us open our hearts to the transforming possibilities before us each day.

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**Opening Prayer (together)**

**Living God, we worship You as the One who speaks to our hearts, walks beside us and guides our footsteps. When the way ahead seems hazy and uncertain, open us to hear Your voice and trust Your inner prompting. Inspire and open us to hear Your voice and receive Your blessings. Amen.**

**Hymn (211) "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**  
vs. 1,2,3

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;

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and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of Paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

**Prayer for Grace (together)**

**O God our comfort and direction for living, in this time of worship we seek Your presence in our lives. When we sway from Your path lead us back so that we may reach our full potential as Your people. Guide us this day and help us to be open to the moving of Your Spirit. Amen.**

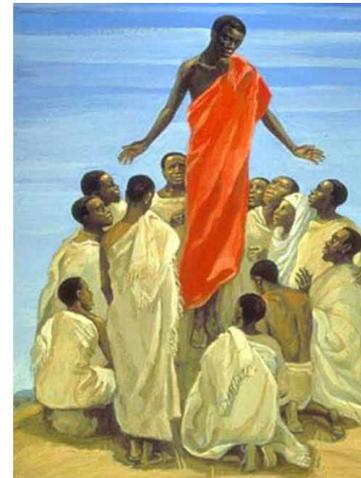
**Assurance of Grace**

When we open our ears and listen, new possibilities will guide us into the future in a spirit of hope. Amen.

**Listening for God's Word**

**First Lesson** Ephesians 1:15-23  
(Paul prays for the church.) C. Watanabe

**Second Lesson** Acts 1:1-11 C. Watanabe  
(The ascension of Jesus.)



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**Solo** "Though I May Speak" Hal H. Hopson  
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

**Sermon** "Transforming Spirit" Rev. Cooper

**Hymn (512)** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"  
vs. 1, 5

1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
'I am with you to the end.'  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

**Responding to God**

**Minute for Mission** D. Domelle

**Hymn (420)** "Go to the World" vs. 1,2,3,4

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where  
Christ renews life's worth,  
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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2 Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence  
in each time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**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 you in the palm of God's hand.  
(Irish Blessing)

**Choral Amen (884)** "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills  
will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy,  
and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands!





**May you have a blessed day!**