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Worship Service

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Order of Worship

Sunday, September 12th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Dignity is a sense of worthiness and respect. It comes from remembering who we truly are and our purpose for being. When we are mindful of our own dignity, we hold ourselves with self-esteem, respect and simple confidence. We move and speak in a graceful manner. We avoid actions that cause us to feel ashamed. We recognize the inherent worth of each person, whether or not they see it for themselves. We treat everyone with the respect and honour all beings deserve. We refuse to violate anyone's rights. When we value each other, we honour our Creator. (Virtues Project)

Page 2 **Praising God**

Prelude

"As the Deer"

Martin Nystrom

arr. Douglas E. Wagner



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

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

God calls out to us saying,

"You are made in the image of God!"

God then tells us...

"You shall have power over the animals of the sea, the land and the air."

God goes on to tell us,

"You are **very** good."

We are "holy" humanity, light of Light, the people of God!

Let us worship and praise God with thanksgiving and joy in our hearts!

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Opening Prayer (together)

Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we celebrate Your life in all creation. Thank You especially for the example of Jesus, who shows us what it means to be fully human and embody Your divine imprint. May the fullness of Your goodness within us blossom forth and reflect Your glory. Amen.

Hymn (240) "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"
vs. 1,2,3

- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the Maker all your days!
- 2 Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!
- 3 Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
All within me, praise God's name!

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Prayer for Grace (together)

Source of Life and heartbeat of all creation, we marvel that You have made us in Your image. Teach us what this means and how we can allow Your presence in us to shine through. Forgive us when we diminish our worth or exaggerate our importance. Help us to live out the truth of who we are. We ask this in the name of Jesus who came that we might have life in all its fullness. Amen.

Sung Assurance (291) "All Things Bright & Beautiful"

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

- 1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings.
- 5 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. **(R)**

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Lesson Genesis 1:26-28; 31 J. Brooker
(God creates humanity.)

Psalms Reading Psalm 139:1-14 J. Brooker
(God knows and cares for us and we are grateful.)



Solo "Creating God, We Give You Thanks"
 William de Witt Hyde/William Knapp
 L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "Seeking the Goodness of Humanity"
 Rev. Cooper

Hymn (224) "Sing a Happy Hallelujah" vs.1,2

- 1 Sing a happy hallelujah,
 sing it out with heart and style,
 we're the echo of God's laughter,
 we're the image of God's smile.
**Hallelujah, all creation,
 hallelujah everyone!
 Hallelujah, all creation,
 hallelujah everyone!**
- 2 We're the proof of God's good humour,
 we're the twinkle in God's eye,
 made to shine, reflect the glory,
 given light and space to fly. **R**

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 (258) "O World of God" vs. 1,2,3

- 1 O world of God, so vast and strange,
 profound and wonderful and fair,
 beyond the utmost reach of thought
 but not beyond our Maker's care!
 We are not strangers on this earth
 whirling amid the suns of space;
 we are God's children, this our home,
 with those of every clime and race.
- 2 O world where human life is lived,
 so strangely mingling joy and pain,
 so full of evil and of good,
 so needful that the good shall reign!
 It is this world that God has loved,
 and goodness was its Maker's plan,
 the promise of God's triumph is
 a humble birth in Bethlehem.

3 O world of time's far-stretching years!
There was a day when time stood still,
a central moment when there rose
a cross upon a cruel hill;
in pain and death love's power was seen,
the mystery of time revealed,
the wisdom of the ways of God,
the grace through which our hurt is
healed.

Commissioning and Benediction

God is your shade at your right hand;
The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
God will watch over your life;
God will watch over your coming and going
both now and forever more. (Psalm 121:5-8)
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish Blessing)

Choral Blessing (216) M.V. "Wherever You May Go"

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
And your people shall be my people too,
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
For I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
We will travel side by side,
And God's love will be our guide. **(R)**

From beginning to the end,

I will always be your friend,
When you need me I'll be there,
You can trust my faithful care. **(R)**

Postlude "God Will Take Care of You"
Walter S. Martin, arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome and thank you for joining BUC zoom audio and video worship service today. 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.

Many thanks to B. Kai and the Zoom Team for coordinating our zoom audio and video service. Thanks to J. Brooker for reading our scriptures. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, September 12th, our theme is Creation Time and Holy Humanity.

Sunday, September 19th, our theme is Creation Time.

1:00 p.m. – Council Meeting on Zoom.

On Sunday, September 26th, we will celebrate our **7th Anniversary** as Bayview United Church. We will also be commemorating **Orange Shirt Day**, a day to remember the former students of residential schools. If you have an orange T-shirt, you are invited to wear it. **Sunday, October 3rd,** is World Wide Communion Sunday. We invite you, when you

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join the service, to have a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage, and together we will share the Lord's Supper.

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 Rev. Cooper or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

During the month of September you might consider giving an extra donation to support the **Terry Fox Run** for cancer. The run will be held this year on Sunday, September 19th. Please make cheques payable to the Terry Fox Foundation.

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.

If you do not use e-transfer you can always mail your cheque to the church. Thank you for your support of BUC.

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended the lives of children and families in nearly every country across the globe. Though children make up a very small

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number of deaths from the corona virus, the impact on their lives has been devastating. As the global leader in vaccine delivery, **UNICEF** has been tasked with delivering 2 BILLION doses of COVID-19 vaccines to health workers and high-risk groups in low- and middle-income countries before the end of the year.

The cost of delivering and administering the required two doses of COVID-19 vaccines is about \$5.07 per recipient. That means: a gift of \$15.21 will vaccinate three people and a gift of \$100 will vaccinate approximately 20 people. **Your gift will be matched up to \$400,000.00. We invite you to consider giving a donation to UNICEF to support this worthy cause. Thank you.**

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



Have a joyous day!!