

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

### Zoom Audio Call

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Minister: Rev. C. Cooper

## Creation Time

Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

**Steadfastness** is being steady, persevering and dependable. We remain true to our purpose through whatever happens. Steadfastness grows whenever we rise to a challenge. It bolsters our will to keep going when life tests our resolve. We choose a direction, then keep a steady pace. We are faithful and enduring with those we love. We commit ourselves to something for however long it may take. We are like a strong ship in a storm. We don't allow ourselves to be battered or blown off course. We hold on and ride the waves. (Virtues Project)

"Keep on keepin' on." (African American saying.)

## Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "When Morning Gilds the Skies"  
Joseph Barney, arr. John Carter



Words of Welcome  
Acknowledging the Territory

### Call to Worship

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

In the beginning the earth was a dark and formless void.

Then God spoke and the Earth emerged from the waters like the birth of a child.

On the third day God called forth trees of every kind bearing fruit with its seed inside.

On the sixth day God made humanity in God's image and appointed us as stewards of every living thing.

As we worship, let us praise our Creator with enduring gratitude and love!

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**Opening Prayer (together)**

**Holy God in whom we live and move and have our being, we celebrate Your life and Spirit in all creation. Thank You especially for the gift of trees and for Your divine imprint in each of us. May our worship awaken us to the fullness of Your goodness and the sacredness of life. Amen.**

**Hymn (296) "This Is God's Wondrous World"**

vs. 1,2,3

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is God's wondrous world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,  
God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their Maker's praise.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,  
God's voice speaks everywhere.
- 3 This is God's wondrous world:  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is God's wondrous world:  
why should my heart be sad?

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Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

**Prayer for Grace (together)**

**Creator God, You have gifted us with amazing trees of all shapes and sizes. They help to sustain our lives. And yet millions of trees have been destroyed by clear-cutting to make way for developments. Help us, O God, to make trees and their life a priority. Help us to be the good stewards You created us to be. 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 2:4b – 9 C. MacLean  
(God creates a garden in Eden full of trees and the tree of life.)

**Epistle Reading** Revelation 22:1-3a  
(John's vision of a new heaven and earth.)



**Solo** "What a Wonderful World"  
Bob Thiele and George David Weiss  
P. Tibbles-Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

**Sermon** "The Gifts of Sacred Trees" Rev. Cooper

**Hymn (238)** "How Great Thou Art" vs.1, 2

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

2 When through the woods and forest  
glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

**R**

**Responding to God**

**Minute for Mission**

K. Shikaze

**Hymn (231)** "I Sing the Mighty Power" vs. 1,2,3

1 I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad,  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at God's command  
and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the One  
who filled the earth with food;  
who formed the creatures with a word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
O God, your wonders are displayed  
where'er I turn my eye;  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes your glories known;  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you  
is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that I may be,  
you, God, are present there.

**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 (242)** "Let All Things Now Living"

1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving  
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;  
who fashioned and made us, protected and  
stayed us,  
by guiding us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes  
before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night;  
till shadows have vanished and darkness is  
banished,  
as forward we travel from light into Light.

**Postlude** "For the Beauty of the Earth"  
Conrad Kocher, arr. Joel Raney

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**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 C. MacLean for reading our scriptures. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

**Today, Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, our theme is Creation Time and Holy Trees.**

**1:00 p.m. – Council Meeting** on Zoom.

**On Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>,** we will celebrate our **7<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>,** is World Wide Communion Sunday. We invite you, when you join the service, to have a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage, and together we will share the Lord's Supper.

**On Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>,** we will celebrate **Thanksgiving Sunday.**

**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

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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 is today, September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to donate online, here is the link. <http://www.terryfox.ca/BUC-Mickeysteam>. OR send cheque payable to the Terry Fox Foundation and send to Ms. Martha McClew, Provincial Director, The Terry Fox Foundation, 200 – 250 Ferrand Drive, Toronto ON M3C 3G8. Please mark in the memo line of the cheque BUC-MickeyTeam. Thank you.

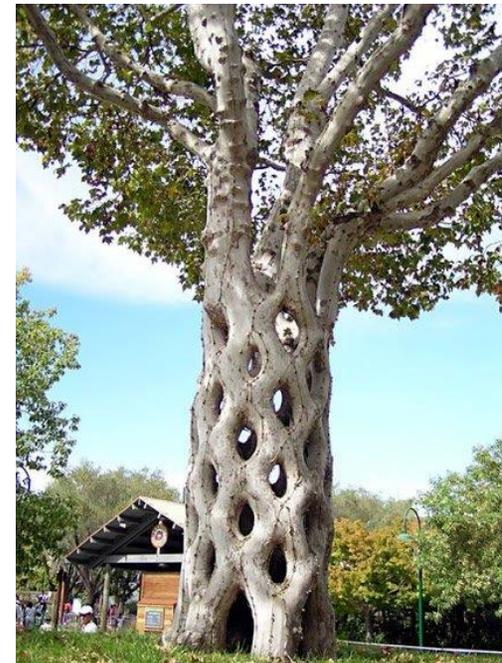
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**The COVID-19 pandemic** has upended the lives of children and families in nearly every country across the globe. Though children make up a very small number of deaths from the corona virus, the impact on their lives has been devastating. As the global 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.

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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.



(A Basket Tree)

**Have a joyous day!!**