

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

Zoom Audio Call

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## Baptism of Jesus Sunday

Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

**Purity** is living in a state of physical and spiritual health. We experience well-being by keeping our bodies and living spaces clean and fresh. Purification is a process. We free ourselves day by day from unwanted influences and addictive desires. We let go of what no longer fits our lives. We replace negativity with virtuous practices. We clean up our mistakes, choosing responsibility instead of guilt. Like a mirror kept free of dust, we purify our intentions. Purity gives us a clear conscience and a peaceful soul. Purity frees us to be who we are meant to be.

(The Virtues Project)

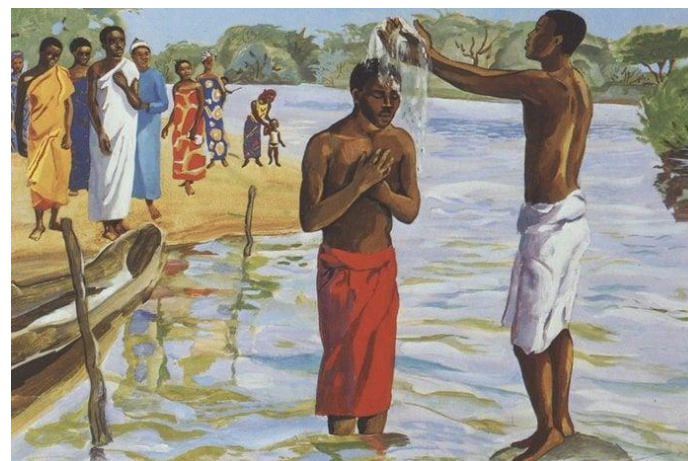
## Page 2 Praising God

Prelude

“Brother James' Air”

(The Lord's My Shepherd) J.L.M. Bain

arr. Larry Shackley



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Jesus was called to the river Jordan and through the waters was baptized.

We too through the sacrament of baptism feel God's call.

By the voice from heaven, Jesus was claimed as God's own.

We too feel marked by God's love.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was commissioned to his ministry.

By the Spirit's breath, we too are called by name to be God's hands, feet and voices in the world.

May glory and praise be given to God-with-us!

**Opening Prayer (together)**

**Loving God, Whose voice cried in the wilderness and cried in a cradle, Whose presence is found in the beauty of the sunrise and in the life of One rising out of the Jordan, we gather to receive Your blessings. Your voice has called and we have come. May we be touched by the healing energies of Your presence as we bathe in the water of Your love. Amen.**

**Hymn (100) "When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized"**

vs. 1, 4, 5

- 1 When Jesus comes to be baptized,  
he leaves the hidden years behind,  
the years of safety and of peace,  
to bear the sins of humankind.
- 4 O Spirit help us be like Christ:  
to live in love and charity,  
to walk in truth and justice now,  
and grow in Christian dignity.
- 5 We praise you, God, source of all life,  
we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,  
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift;  
your triune presence fills our world.

**Affirmation of Our Baptismal Faith (unison)**

**I believe in the power of baptism.  
I believe that something deeper than I know  
happens and I am bound forevermore to a life that  
is ancient yet born anew in me.**

**I believe in the power of baptism to transcend  
time and space and call me to discipleship with  
Christ.**

**The muddy waters of the Jordan River that swirl  
over him merge with the clear waters of the  
baptismal font that splash on me and we become  
one as those waters are one.**

**I am no longer my own or on my own.**

**I believe in the power of baptism to shake the  
heavens and my world.**

**I believe in the power of the Spirit's touch  
and those baptized find themselves  
made new, made beloved, made whole.**

**I believe in the power of baptism  
to call us to ourselves and to Christ.**

**I believe in the power of baptism  
to immerse us in the waters of blessing  
and send us forth, wet and wild with hope,  
to be a blessing ourselves.**

**Sung Response (377) "Holy Spirit, Hear Us" vs. 1,3**

- 1 Holy Spirit, hear us,  
help us while we sing;  
breathe into the music  
of the praise we bring.
- 3 Holy Spirit, prompt us  
when we bow to pray;  
speak within and teach us  
what we ought to say.

**Listening for God's Word**

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**Hebrew Reading**      Isaiah 43:1-7      J. Cermak  
(When you pass through the waters, I am with you.)

**Gospel Lesson**      Luke 3:15-22      J. Cermak  
(Jesus is baptized and affirmed by God.)



**Solo**      “Though I May Speak”      Hal H. Hopson  
trad. English melody      L. Lazar, soprano

**Sermon**      “Sharing a Blessing”      Rev. Cooper

**Hymn (87)**      “I Am the Light of the World”      vs. 1,2,3

**'I am the light of the world!  
You people come and follow me!  
If you follow and love  
you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.**

1      When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and the shepherds  
have found their way home,  
the work of Christmas is begun: **R**

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- 2      To find the lost and lonely one,  
to heal the broken soul with love,  
to feed the hungry children  
with warmth and good food,  
to feel the earth below, the sky above! **R**
- 3      To free the prisoner from all chains,  
to make the powerful care,  
to rebuild the nations with strength of good will,  
to see God's children everywhere! **R**

**Responding to God**

**Statement of Faith**      -The New Creed-

**We are not alone.**

**We live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**Who has created and is creating,**

**Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**Who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church;**

**To celebrate God's presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,**

**To love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn (380)** "She Comes Sailing on the Wind"  
vs. 1,2,3,4

**She comes sailing on the wind,  
her wings flashing in the sun;  
on a journey just begun, she flies on.  
And in the passage of her flight,  
her song rings out through the night,  
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.**

1 Silent waters rocking on the morning of our birth,  
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.  
And from the heart of God the Spirit moved  
upon the earth,  
like a mother breathing life into her child.  
**(to Verse 2)**

2 Many were the dreamers whose eyes were given  
sight  
when the Spirit filled their dreams with life and form.  
Deserts turned to gardens, broken hearts  
found new delight,  
and then down the ages still she flew on. **R**

3 To a gentle girl in Galilee, a gentle breeze she  
came,  
a whisper softly calling in the dark,  
the promise of a child of peace whose reign would  
never end,  
Mary sang the Spirit song within her heart.  
**(to Verse 4)**

4 Flying to the river, she waited circling high  
above the child now grown so full of grace.  
As he rose up from the water, she swept down

from the sky,  
and she carried him away in her embrace. **R**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

May God bless you and keep you.  
May God's face shine upon you,  
And be gracious to you.  
May God look upon you with kindness,  
And give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.  
(Irish blessing)

**Choral Amen (MV 216)** "Wherever You May Go"

**Refrain:** written by David Kai

**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. **(refrain)**

**Postlude** "Shall We Gather at the River?"  
Robert Lowry, arr. Joel Raney

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

**Many thanks** to B. Kai and J. Brooker for  
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.  
Thanks to J. Cermak for reading our scriptures.

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Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

**Today, Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, Baptism of Jesus Sunday.**

**Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.** Worship Team meeting on Zoom.

**Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>,** worship service at 11:00 a.m.  
**1:00 p.m.** – Council meeting on Zoom.

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>,** worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

**2021 Annual Reports** are due on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please send reports to church office,  
[office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca](mailto:office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca). The Annual Meeting will be held on Sun. March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**The 2022 offering envelopes** have arrived at the church. Because of the pandemic we are having difficulty distributing them. If you wish to have your envelopes, please email or call the church office and let us know. We will be arranging a drive-by envelope pickup at the church on Saturday, January 15 between 10 AM and 2 PM. Please let us know if you will pick them up on that day. If you are a shut-in or unable to pick up your envelopes, please contact L. Fujita to make alternate arrangements. Please note that your envelope number or PAR number has not changed which means you can use e-transfer or mail to send your offering without your envelopes. Please include your envelope number on an e-transfer or cheque. Thank you.

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

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](mailto: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.

**God bless you,** stay well, and we hope you join in for our service next Sunday.



**Have a blessed day!**