

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

**Zoom Audio Call**

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**Music Director: K. Quinton**

**Minister: Rev. C. Cooper**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

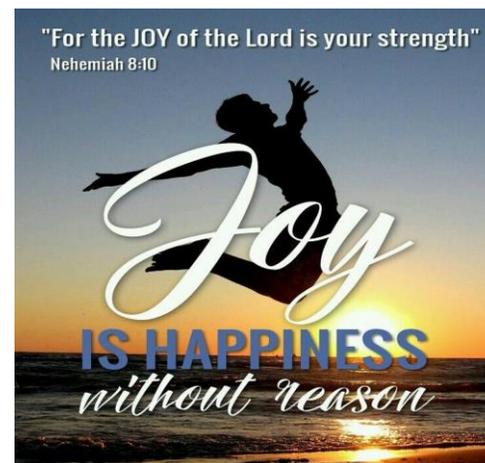
**Tact** is telling the truth kindly. We think before we speak, aware of how deeply our words affect others. When our words are weighty, we weigh our words., knowing they have the power to cause pain or to uplift. A harsh word to an intimate is like a grain of sand in their eye. An encouraging word can fill them with confidence. Tact is essential when we feel strong emotions like anger. It helps us discern what to say and what is better left unsaid. Tact is good timing. It is the diplomacy of the heart. (The Virtues Project)

“Use a sweet tongue, courtesy, and gentleness, and thou mayest manage to guide an elephant by a hair.”

Sa'di

## Page 2 Praising God

**Prelude** "Morning Has Broken" Eleanor Farjeon  
trad. Gaelic melody, arr. Larry Shackley



### Words of Welcome

### Acknowledging the Territory

### Call to Worship

Sometimes we lose our way and have trouble finding our way back home.

Sometimes we go in new directions only to discover we are on the wrong path.

No matter where we journey,  
God is there to guide us home.

Let us take time to feel the joy of living and listening to God's Word in our hearts and minds.

**Opening Prayer (together)**

**Inspiring God, who whispers into the silent stillness, who speaks through the day-to-day events of our lives, Your voice is heard whenever we are still. Help us to hear You and Your story. Open us to hearing Your proclamation of love and gratitude for our world. Make us ready to respond to Your hope for ourselves and our world. Amen.**

**Hymn (374) "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" vs 1-3**

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.
- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,

in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

**Prayer for Grace (unison)**

**God of wisdom who speaks in quiet whispers, loud thunder, sacred scriptures and the voices of others, help us to hear Your Word. Forgive our hesitancy to listen when You speak. Open our ears and our hearts to heed Your call. As we respond, may Your truth and wisdom dance upon our lips and give us the courage to act. Amen.**

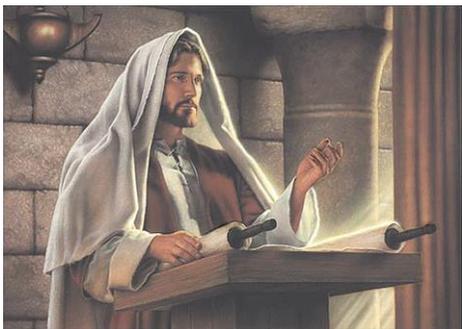
**Sung Assurance (377) "Holy Spirit, Hear Us" vs. 1-3**

- 1 Holy Spirit, hear us,  
help us while we sing;  
breathe into the music  
of the praise we bring.
- 2 Holy Spirit, shine now  
on the book we read;  
light its holy pages  
with the truth we need.
- 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**

**Hebrew Lesson** Nehemiah 8:1-10 C. MacLean  
(Ezra reads the Torah at the Water Gate.)

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 4:14-21 C. MacLean  
(Jesus preaches to the people in Nazareth.)



**Solo** “As the Deer Pants for the Water”  
Martin Nystrom  
L. Lazar, soprano

**Sermon** “The Power of Words” Rev. Cooper

**Hymn (498)** “God, Who Has Caused to Be Written”  
(tune 220) vs. 1,2,3

- 1 God, who has caused to be written  
your word for our learning,  
grant us that, hearing, our hearts  
may be inwardly burning.  
Give to us grace,  
that in your Son we embrace  
life, all its glory discerning.
- 2 Now may our God give us joy,  
give us peace in believing  
all things were written in truth  
for our thankful receiving.  
As Christ did preach,  
o'er all the world love must reach:  
grant every day love's achieving.
- 3 God, should the powers of the earth and  
the heavens be shaken,

grant us to see you in all things,  
our vision awaken.  
Help us to see,  
though all the earth cease to be,  
your truth shall never be shaken.

### **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 (343)** “I Love to Tell the Story” vs. 1,2,3

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**
- 2 I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies  
of all our golden dreams.

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I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy  
Word. **R**

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new,  
new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. **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** Polonaise in G Minor, op. posth.  
Frederick Chopin

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

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

**Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**, worship service at 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**, worship and celebration of  
Holy Communion.

**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.

**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.

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



These photographs were taken by Russian photographer Dmitry Kokh in September 2021. The polar bears are living in an abandoned weather station and houses. They were built in 1934 and closed in 1992 on the Kolyuchin Island in the Chukchi Sea (the Russian Arctic).

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