

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

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Minister: Rev. C. Cooper

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Celebration of Communion

Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

**Wisdom** is the guardian of our choices. It helps us to discern the right path at the right moment. It gives us clarity of thought and deeper understanding. We use our best judgment, resisting the pull of impulse and desire. Wisdom gives us the maturity and patience to make sustainable decisions. We seek knowledge, enter reflection and open ourselves to inspiration. We consider carefully, then act confidently. Wisdom takes us beyond thought to a deeper knowing. Wisdom grounds us in grace.

(The Virtues Project)

## Page 2 Praising God

**Prelude** "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
African-American spiritual, arr. Cindy Berry



### Words of Welcome

### Acknowledging the Territory

### Call to Worship

We gather to listen, for the voice of God is calling.

God is with us here and now, in our hearts.

When Jesus called Simon Peter, James and John into deeper water they followed.

May we too go where God calls, to love and serve others.

Let us worship God who calls us by name and invites us to respond with joy and love.

**Opening Prayer (together)**

**Beckoning God, thank You for calling each of us to be Your disciples. We are gathered here because we have heard Your call and been touched by Your Spirit. Inspire, lead and equip us to explore new avenues of service and new ways of doing familiar things. Like Isaiah and Simon Peter, we may not feel worthy or capable, but You invite us anyway. Strengthen our confidence through Your power and grace. Amen.**

**Hymn (563) "Jesus, You Have Come" vs. 1,3,4**

1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.**

3 You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labours to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving. **R**

4 You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. **R**

**Prayer for Grace (unison)**

**Guiding and Directing Spirit, You call us to trust in Your way. You set before us the path of faithfulness, yet we are hesitant to follow. We know that at times our priorities and commitments more often reflect our personal**

**interests, rather than Your desire for our lives and world. Forgive our reluctance to bend our will to a higher purpose, our work for a greater cause and our wealth for the welfare of others. Refresh us in Your presence and renew us through Your Spirit. Amen.**

**Sung Assurance (585) "Jesus Bids Us Shine" vs.1,2**

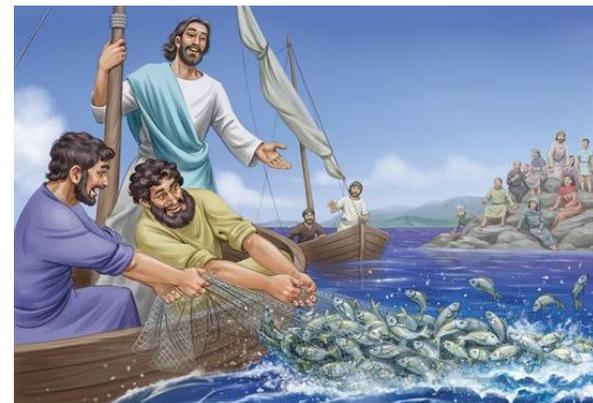
1 Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,  
like a little candle burning in the night.  
In this world is darkness, so let us shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

2 Jesus bids us shine first of all for him;  
well he sees and knows it if our light grows dim:  
Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,  
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

**Listening for God's Word**

**Hebrew Scripture** Isaiah 6:1-8 M. Kitagawa  
(God calls Isaiah to be a prophet.)

**Gospel Lesson** Luke 5:1-11 M. Kitagawa  
(Jesus calls Simon Peter, James and John.)



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**Solo** "The Lord's Prayer" A. H. Malotte  
L. Lazar, soprano

**Sermon** "Fishing in Deeper Waters" Rev. Cooper

### **Responding to God**

**Invitation to the Table** (Rev. Cooper and M. Kitagawa)

One: People of faith, welcome to this table of blessings!

**All: We seek to be fed and nurtured.**

One: People of faith, bring your doubts and fears and leave them at this table.

**All: Christ meets us here and accepts each one of us just as we are.**

One: People of faith, let us unite as one as we satisfy our hunger and deepen our faith.

**Hymn (469)** "We Gather Here" vs. 1, 2, 3

1. We gather here in Jesus' name,  
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,  
come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;  
finding our forgiveness here,  
we in turn forgive all wrongs.

2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,  
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,  
come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which Christ is the head;

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though unseen he meets us here  
in the breaking of the bread.

3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;  
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;  
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:  
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,  
come, share the Lord.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** (Rev. Cooper and M. Kitagawa)

One: God is with us.

**All: We are not alone.**

One: Christ is present.

**All: The Spirit is among us.**

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

**All: We open them to God and to one another.**

One: Let us give thanks.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

One: Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth,  
we recognize the fullness of Your grace: light,  
life and love. You are revealed to us in words  
that comfort us, in teachings that challenge us  
and in the compassion that heals and frees us.

**All: We seek to remember and to be filled with  
such longing for heaven on earth, that we  
may rise together to follow Your Way.**

One: Blessed are You, gracious God, Creator of  
Light, Giver of Life, Source of Love. At Your  
Word creation dawns. Under your rainbow the  
floods recede. With a burning bush You hallow  
the earth. By a pillar of fire, You guide Your  
people.

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**All:** You placed angels in the sky and a star in the eastern sky. You sent Jesus to be the light of the world, to heal the sick, to befriend the stranger, to stand up for the oppressed and to give his life in service to others.

One: Jesus, gift from God, lived so that we might know what it is like to walk with each other in justice and in communion with God.

**All:** Through the ages, Your Spirit has moved and touched the lives of Your people and anointed them for witness and service.

One: Send now Your Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and cup. May they be for us the remembering of the Holy One's love, grace and purpose. **Amen.**

**Words of Institution**



**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

(You are invited to eat some bread or a cracker and drink a beverage.)

**Post-Communion Prayer** (together)

**Life-giving God, may we who share Christ's love, be Your bread of blessing; we who drink his cup,**

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bring new life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Wrap us in Your Holy Presence and lead us out into the world, remembering that we are Your people and celebrating Your life within us. **Amen.**

**Hymn (569)** "You Call Us Out" vs. 1,2,3

1 You call us out to praise you,  
the God who gave us birth,  
to gather in communion,  
and treasure your whole earth;  
we are your living story,  
to hear and to be heard;  
we praise your name, who writes us,  
the author and the word.

2 For varied hues and textures,  
new patterns, still you search,  
to weave your seamless garments,  
the fabric of your church;  
our tattered faith you cherish,  
reclaim from wear and moth;  
we praise your name, who twines us,  
the weaver and the cloth.

3 The church that speaks forgiveness,  
confesses its own need;  
the church that feels its hunger,  
finds grace to care and feed;  
our famished world is crying,  
its future filled with dread;  
we praise your name, who fills us,  
the baker and the bread.

**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** "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

source unknown - arr. Jack Schrader

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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 M. Kitagawa for reading our scriptures and Communion liturgy.

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

**Today, Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>,** worship and celebration of Holy Communion. We invite you, when you join the service, to have ready a piece of bread, cracker or cookie and a beverage, and together we will share the Lord's Supper.

**Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>,** Black History Sunday.

**Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>,** Family Day Service.

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>,** Transfiguration Sunday.

**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 Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Prayers and Concerns:** Please remember in your prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and healing.

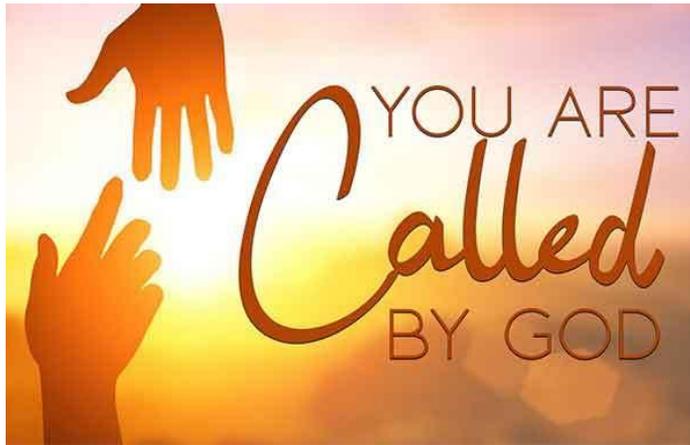
**BUC Prayer Group:** These individuals offer confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need of God's healing love, support and compassion in their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close friend or yourself. Please email Rev. Cooper or call R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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



**May the Epiphany light shine brightly  
in your life!**