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Worship Service

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Minister: Rev. C. Cooper

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 15th, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

“What lies behind you and what lies in front of you,
pales in comparison to what lies inside of you.”

— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you
must keep moving.” – **Albert Einstein**

“The best and most beautiful things in the world
cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt
with the heart.” – **Helen Keller**

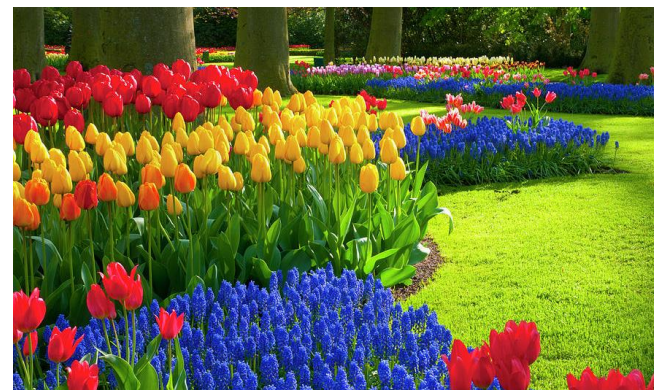
“Try to be a rainbow in someone’s cloud.”

— **Maya Angelou**

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Praising God

Prelude "Adagio" (Reformation Symphony, Op. 107)
Felix Mendelssohn – L. Fusé, English Horn



Happy Spring!!

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

It is hard to believe it has been over 2 years since we held worship in this sanctuary.

The chancel is the same, the pews and floors are the same, the ceiling, walls and windows are the same, but something is different.

We the people are different. We have aged a few years, we are wiser, we are sitting a little farther apart, we are wearing masks, and we are not all here.

Some people are at home (Howdy!) and some are with us in spirit (We miss you!) However we have changed and wherever we are, we are all part of the Bayview United Church family. And what a joy it is to be worshipping together as God’s people of love!

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Hymn (232) "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you, vs. 1,2,3
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.
- 3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Opening Prayer (together)

God of opportunity, we are grateful for this day to worship and praise You. Ready our lives to hear Your voice in our hearts and in the world around us. Enable us to respond with an open mind, so that we can draw closer to You and to each other.

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Guide us in our prayers as we seek to love one another. Amen.

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**

Sharing with Our Young People The Youth Class

Hymn (224) "Sing a Happy Hallelujah" vs. 3,4

- 3 Sarah laughed at God's good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children,
so is life for us enhanced.
**Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!
Hallelujah, all creation,
hallelujah everyone!**
- 4 Every day sing hallelujah!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word! **R**
(Young people leave for classes.)

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Prayer for Grace (together)

Inspiring God, You continually surprise us with new challenges and new ways of listening for You. Sometimes we would rather follow our own direction rather than being open to hearing new ways of being Your people. We ignore Your voice and do what we want. Help us to open ourselves and bring Your life-giving Spirit alive within and around us this day. Amen.

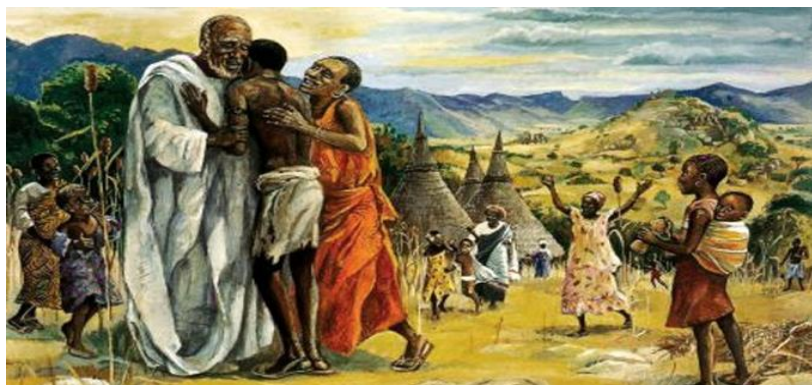
Assurance of Grace

When we open our ears and listen, new possibilities will be presented to us and they will guide us into the future in a spirit of hope. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Epistle Reading Revelation 21:1-6 J. Cermak
(I saw a new heaven and new earth.)

Gospel Lesson John 13:31-35 J. Cermak
(A new Commandment: love one another)



Solo "O Rest in the Lord" Felix Mendelssohn
K. Davidson, Soprano

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Sermon "Touched By the Heart" Rev. Cooper

Solo "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
attr. to St. Francis/S. Temple, arr. J. Holstein
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (together)

**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 (402) "We Are One" vs. 1,2,4

1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.

2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,

in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.

4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

Commissioning and Benediction

May the God of new beginnings light your path.
May the song of the Spirit, play in your heart.
May Jesus, our promise of new life, take you by the
hand and lead you in the dance of life.
And until we meet again,
May God hold us in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish Blessing)

Choral Amen (586) "We Shall Go Out" vs. 1
We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs
that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts
that can be healed;

**we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.**

Postlude "Here I Am, Lord" Daniel Schutte
arr. Jack Schrader

Thank you for joining our in-person and Zoom
audio/video worship service. May your hearts be
touched with love and joy this day.

Many thanks to J. Cermak for reading our scriptures.
Thanks to K. Quinton, and P. Tibbles Cookson for
inspiring us with their music.

Special thanks to K. Davidson for singing today
and to L. Fusé for playing her English Horn. It is
always lovely to hear their beautiful music.

Great thanks to L. Fujita for preparing the church and
organizing the lunch for our first in-person service.
Thank you to all who are helping with the gathering
today.

Our thanks to D. Royer and his team from WeDo
Photography for doing our hybrid service recording.

Many thanks to B. Kai and J. Brooker for
coordinating our Zoom audio/video service.

Today, Sunday, May 15th, Fifth Sunday of Easter.
In-person and Zoom audio/video service followed by
catered box lunch served in Fellowship Hall.
While inside the building you will be required to wear
masks at all times and whenever possible maintain

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social distancing. Please place your offering in the offering plates as you leave the sanctuary. Thank you.

1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Please Note: The **next in-person** worship service will be on **Sunday, June 26th**.

Sunday, May 22nd, Sixth Sunday of Easter **on Zoom audio/video only**.

Sunday, May 29th, Seventh Sunday of Easter **on Zoom audio/video only**.

1:00 p.m. – Council meeting on Zoom

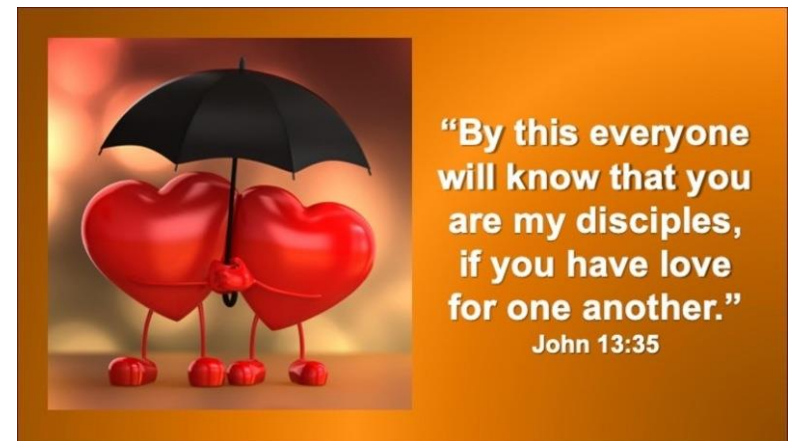
Summer 2022 Newsletter: If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, we are looking for stories and pictures that have encouraged or inspired you over these last several months...maybe a poem, a joke, an inspirational saying, your garden, a photo. Please send your contribution to office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca by May 29th.

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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May you have a blessed day!