

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

### Zoom Audio Call

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## Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 11:00 a.m.

### Moment of Silent Reflection:

“The purpose of our lives is to be happy.”

— **Dalai Lama**

“You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough.” — **Mae West**

“Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.” – **Babe Ruth**

“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.” – **Dolly Parton**

“In order to write about life, first you must live it.”  
– **Ernest Hemingway**

“Life is really simple, but people insist on making it complicated.” — **Confucius**

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## Praising God

Prelude

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Annie Hawkes/Robert Lowry



## Words of Welcome and Announcements

### Acknowledging the Territory

### Call to Worship

In mystery and grandeur we celebrate God raising Jesus to new life.

We rejoice as Jesus ascends to be at one with God.

God then calls to our spirits, inviting us to unite as God's people of faith.

With praise and joy we respond to God's invitation to live as one!

In heights and depths, within and around us...  
the Spirit of God is moving among us.

Let us give thanks as we open our hearts to the possibilities before us through the power of God's Spirit.

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**Opening Prayer (together)**

**Supportive God, we know that You are always with us, that You never let us go. Help us in our time of worship to feel and acknowledge Your presence in our lives. Fill us with Your Spirit just as you came to Your first disciples. And help us to be assured Christ is risen, ascended and is always present with us. Amen.**

**Hymn (415)** "God, We Praise You for the Morning"  
vs. 1, 4, 5, 6

- 1 God, we praise you for the morning;  
hope springs forth with each new day,  
new beginning, prayer, and promise,  
joy in work and in play.
- 4 God, we praise you for your Spirit,  
Comforter and daily friend,  
restless searcher, gentle teacher,  
strength and courage you send.
- 5 God, we praise you for the Saviour,  
come that we may know your ways.  
In his loving, dying, rising,  
Christ is Lord of our days.
- 6 Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Christ is Lord of our days!

**Prayer for Grace (together)**

**Nurturing God, we are like seeds; You are the sun,  
the rain and the rich soil that help us to grow.  
Sometimes we are afraid to let go of our strongly**

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**held beliefs for fear we will disappear. We clutch the familiar, we cling to the old, we are engulfed by the past. Help us, O God, to transform our fears of the future into opportunities for growth, and help us to trust You and Your promise of the Spirit Helper at work in our lives. Amen.**

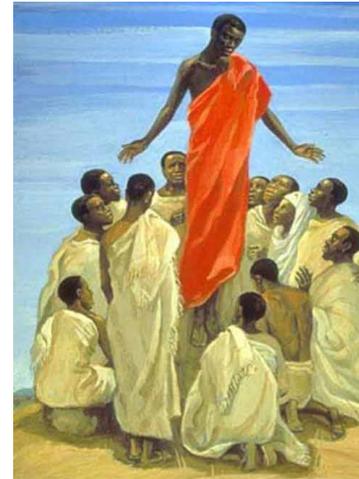
**Assurance of Grace**

The Good News is God always comes to us to support and guide us. May God uplift us as we move in a spirit of hope and joy each day. Amen.

**Listening for God's Word**

**First Lesson** Ephesians 1:15-23 C. MacLean  
(Paul prays for the church.)

**Second Lesson** Acts 1:1-11 C. MacLean  
(The ascension of Jesus.)



**Solo** "Jesus Shall Reign" Isaac Watts/J. Hatton  
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

**Sermon** "Keep Living On" Rev. Cooper

**Hymn (512)** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" vs. 1, 5

1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
'Heal the sick and preach the word.'  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
'I am with you to the end.'  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend,  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity;  
with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us  
for the work of ministry.

**Responding to God**

**Minute for Mission** K. Shikaze

**Hymn (420)** "Go to the World" vs. 1,2,3,4

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where  
Christ renews life's worth,  
baptising as the sign of our rebirth.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

2 Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence

in each time and space.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you 'til the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry 'Amen!'  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**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** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"  
Robert Williams, arr. Cindy Berry

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**Thank you** for joining our Zoom audio/video worship service. We hope you found it a meaningful and uplifting experience.

**Thank you** to C. MacLean for reading our scriptures, K. Quinton, P. Tibbles Cookson and L. Lazar for inspiring us with their music and to B. Kai, J. Brooker, and R. Bloor for coordinating our Zoom audio/video service.

**Today, Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**, Seventh Sunday of Easter **on Zoom audio/video only.**  
**1:00 p.m. – Council meeting** on Zoom

**Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>**, Pentecost Sunday with a shortened service to enable breakout discussions about what's next for BUC; a beginning conversation.

**Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, Worship celebrating the 97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church and the sacrament of Holy Communion. You are invited to have a piece of bread or cracker with a beverage and together we will share the Lord's Supper.

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

**Children's Summer Camp:** BUC is happy to provide \$200.00 (each) towards the cost of a camp experience for young people who wish to attend Sparrow Lake Camp or any other United Church or

Christian camp this summer. If interested, please speak to K. Shikaze.

**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](mailto:office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca) by May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Korean Peace Appeal:** In 1953, North and South Korea signed an armistice but a peace treaty has not been established. The war is not over. The **Korean Peace Appeal** is a global campaign to collect 100 million signatures by 2023, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the armistice.

The National Council of Churches in Korea has challenged the United Church to add **Ten Thousand Signatures by the summer of 2022.** Please go to [united-church.ca/](http://united-church.ca/) Korean Peace Appeal and click on Sign the Petition and add your name. If you do not have access to the internet perhaps a family member or friend could do this for you. Thank you for your support!

**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

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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!**