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Worship Service

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97th Anniversary of United Church Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday, June 12th, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

When one door closes, another opens. But we often look so regretfully upon the closed door that we don't see the one that has opened for us. —**Helen Keller**

While they were saying among themselves it cannot be done, it was done. —**Helen Keller**

Death is no more than passing from one room into another. But there's a difference for me, because in that other room I shall be able to see. — **Helen Keller**

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Praising God

Prelude “Let Us Break Bread Together”
traditional spiritual, arr. Phillip Keveren



The United Church
of Canada

97th Anniversary
June 10th, 1925

Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Ninety-seven years ago on June 10, 1925, the Holy Spirit brought together the Methodist, Presbyterians (70%), Congregationalists, and later the Evangelical United Brethren to form The United Church of Canada.

Today we gather as God's people, as Christ's people, as people of Bayview United Church to sing and to serve; to live and to love; to pray and to play; to seek justice and to live into reconciliation.

Praise and hallelujah! Amen!

(Richard Bott, Moderator)

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Opening Prayer (together)

Creator, it is indeed a privilege to worship You today like Your people have for many years. Like us, they faced struggles and difficulties. They laughed, they cried, they prayed, they sang, they worshipped and ate together. One of the biggest challenges and changes they faced was deciding to join with others to form The United Church of Canada 97 years ago. May we, like them, find the courage to face uncertainties, the faith to seek a new vision and feel the assurance of Your love and presence with us. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith (unison)

**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.**

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Hymn (331) "The Church's One Foundation" vs. 1 & 2

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
his living servant people, by his own death set free.
- 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Psalm 138 M. Kitagawa
(A song of thanksgiving and reasons for praise.)



**June 10, 1925 – Inaugural worship
Mutual Street Arena, Toronto**

Solo "How Firm a Foundation" "K", John Rippon
Welsh folk melody
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Sermon "Celebrating 97 Years" Rev. Cooper

Celebration of Holy Communion

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: Let us satisfy our hunger and deepen our faith.

Hymn (480) "Let Us Break Bread Together" vs.1,2,3

1 Let us break bread together on our knees,
let us break bread together on our knees.

**When I fall down on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
Oh, Lord, have mercy on me.**

2 Let us drink wine together on our knees,
let us drink wine together on our knees. **R**

3 Let us praise God together on our knees,
let us praise God together on our knees. **R**

Eucharist Prayer Rev. Cooper and M. Kitagawa

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

One: Let us celebrate the gift these elements represent: the gift of physical nurture and strength, the gift of spiritual insight and care, the gift of hope in the midst of despair, the gift of love which can answer all hatred.

All: We come as individuals as we share community and we depart after partaking in the communion, as a body of believers.

One: In the beginning, God's Spirit moved across the waters and called forth life from death and order from chaos. When God's people Israel were enslaved, God's Spirit led them forth to freedom and into a new land.

All: At the baptism of our Lord, God's Spirit descended like a dove, blessing Him and guiding Him throughout His ministry. In the dark hours before His crucifixion, Jesus promised the gift of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to lead and guide us through the ages to come.

One: On the day of Pentecost, God's Spirit came with the sound of a mighty wind and the appearance of tongues of fire. God filled the disciples with grace and power and sent them out to preach Good News to all people. Send now, O God, Your Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and cup. May they enable us to remember the Holy One by whom our thirst is quenched and our hunger satisfied.

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All: Help us as we gather at Your table to remember Your courageous love and the power of Your Spirit. Challenge and change us. Feed us with the bread of blessing and the cup of commitment.

The Words of Institution

Rev. Cooper



Sharing the Bread and Wine

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

Post-Communion Prayer (together)

Life-giving God, wrap Your Spirit around us so that we may take nourishment, strength and hope from this table. Deepen our faith, increase our willingness to give and receive Your love. Send us forth with faith, hope and courage. Amen.

Hymn (375) "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"
vs. 1, 2, 4

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness calling and free,**

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**Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.**

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing: wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings. **R**
- 2 You swept thro' the desert, you stung with the sand, and you goaded your people with a law and a land; and when they were blinded with their idols and lies, then you spoke thro' your prophets to open their eyes. **(to verse 4)**
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes, from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams, our women see visions, our men clear their eyes, with bold new decisions your people arise. **R**

Commissioning and Benediction

May God, the Source of hope,
fill you with all joy and peace
by means of your faith in God,
so that your hope will continue to grow
by the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Romans 15:13)

And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish Blessing)

**Choral Amen (884) "You Shall Go Out with Joy"
(repeat once)**

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands,
(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands
(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy. **(repeat)**

Postlude "How Firm a Foundation"
Joseph Funk, arr. Cindy Berry

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio/video worship service. May your hearts be touched with a spirit of peace and calm knowing God is always with you to guide, support and care for you.

Many thanks to J. Brooker, and R. Bloor for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to M. Kitagawa for reading our scripture and Communion liturgy. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, June 12th, Worship celebrating the 97th 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.

Sunday, June 19th, Father's Day and Indigenous Sunday.

Sunday, June 26th- Canada Day Service and Promotion Sunday. **This will be an in-person service and Zoom audio-video service.** There will be a light lunch provided.

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.

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 70th 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 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!

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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 email Rev. Cooper or call 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. 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.



Have a Blessed Day!