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Worship Service

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Creation Time: Mountains

Sunday, September 11th, 2022 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

The desire for love is the most powerful striving in humans. Giving can then be said to be the highest expression of love. This giving, however, is not that of material things, but lies in the specifically human realm. What does one person give to another? She gives of herself, or the most precious she has, she gives of her life. In this giving, she enriches the other person, she enhances the other's sense of aliveness as well as her own self through the joy of giving.

The Art of Loving, Erich Fromm

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
Pierpoint/Kocher - arr. Phillip Keveren



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

God called Moses to the top of Mount Sinai,
to give humanity the Ten Commandments.

God called Elijah to the top of Mount Horeb,
to give him courage to face his fears.

God called Jesus and three disciples to the Mount of
Transfiguration, in order to reveal God's presence and
to change them forever.

May we all seek mountain top experiences when we
want to draw closer to God.

Let us draw closer to one another as worship with
love and joy in our heart.

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Opening Prayer (together)

Creator God, this is Your wondrous world and today we seek to heighten our awareness of Your Presence in rocks and hills and rugged mountains. We marvel at these ancient wonders that have graced the earth for eons, long before we were born. May the mountains become far more than majestic marvels and a joy to ski and climb, but also living sanctuaries for holy encounters with You. Amen.

Hymn (415) "God We Praise You" vs. 1,2,3,5

- 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.
- 2 God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.
- 3 God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.
- 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.

Prayer for Grace (together)

God of breathless beauty, thank You for mountains that loom large on the horizon and

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soar toward heaven. Grant us mountaintop perspectives that reveal Your higher truth and wisdom. Help us plant our feet on the solid ground that has stood the test of time. Then lead us to discover the gem beneath our feet and the preciousness of life. May our worship renew our commitment to preserve and protect this holy Earth. Amen.

Sung Assurance (577) "I've Got Peace Like a River"

- 3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in-a my soul.

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Reading Exodus 24:12-18 J. Brooker
(God meets Moses on a mountaintop.)



Psalm Lesson Psalm 104:1-9; 31-34 J. Brooker
(In praise of the Creator.)

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Solo "Touch the Earth Lightly"
S. Murray/C. Gibson
L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "The Gift of Mountains" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (291) "All Things Bright and Beautiful" vs. 1-4

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

- 1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings.
- 2 The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky; **R**
- 3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.
- 4 The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall; **R**

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (together)

Rev. Cooper

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**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 (289) "It Only Takes a Spark" vs. 1, 2 & 3

- 1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around
can warm up in its glowing:
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.
- 2 What a wondrous time is spring
when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.
- 3 I wish for you, my friend,
this happiness that I've found -
on God you can depend,

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it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top;
I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Commissioning and Benediction

God is your shade at your right hand;
The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

God will watch over your life;

God will watch over your coming and going
both now and forever more. (Psalm 121:5-8)

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish blessing)

Choral Blessing (424) "May the God of Hope"

- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**
- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

Postlude "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
17th c. English melody - arr Martin Shaw

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Thank you for joining our zoom audio and video
worship service today. We hope that you found our
service meaningful. May your faith fill you with love,
joy and peace.

Many thanks to our tech team for running our Zoom
audio and video service. Thanks to those
participating in the service, our scripture reader and
our music team.

Today, Sunday, September 11th, Creation Time.

Sundays, September 18th, Creation Time.

On Sunday, September 25th, we will celebrate our
8th Anniversary as Bayview United Church. This will
be an in-person service as well as Zoom service.

We will also be commemorating "**Orange Shirt Day**",
a day to remember the former students of residential
schools. If you have an orange T-shirt, you are
invited to wear it.

Sunday, October 2nd, is World Wide Communion
Sunday. We invite you, when you join the service, to
have a piece of bread or cracker and a beverage, and
together we will share the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, October 9th, we celebrate Thanksgiving
Sunday.

During the month of September you might consider
giving a donation to support the **Terry Fox Run** for
cancer. The run will be held this year on Sunday,
September 18th. If you would like to donate, please
watch for details in the next few weeks. Thank you.

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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Mount Fuji, Japan

Have a Blessed Day!