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# **Worship Service**

Zoom Audio/Video Call

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# **Anniversary and Orange Shirt Day**

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 11:00 a.m.

#### **Moment of Silent Reflection:**

"Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless. Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human."

- Henri J.M. Nouwen

# Page 2 Praising God

**Prelude** Prelude in G Minor (Well-tempered Clavier, Bk. 1) - J. S. Bach



#### Words of Welcome

## **Acknowledging the Territory**

#### **Call to Worship**

Today as we gather in person and on Zoom, we acknowledge the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BUC.

We are grateful for the commitment and dedication of those who have brought us to this day.

We also take time to commemorate Orange Shirt Day and recognize the importance of seeking justice and compassion for our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

We honour, too, the spirit of St. Francis, who reminds us of our interconnectedness with all of creation.

Let us seek to live in peace and harmony as we worship.

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**Opening Prayer (together)** 

Creator God, as we gather on this day of remembering Your presence at work in our church, in the community and with all of creation, help us to be open to acknowledging our joy of living as Your people. Guide us in Your wisdom as we seek to live with respect with all creation. Open our hearts with awe as we give You thanks and praise. Amen.

Hymn (395) "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"

vs. 1, 2, 4

Come in, come in and sit down, You are a part of the family. We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

- You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain; so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family. **R**
- God is with us in this place,
   like a mother's warm embrace.
   We're all forgiven by God's grace,
   for we are a part of the family. R
- There's rest for the weary and health for us all; there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.

  So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family. **R**

#### A Time with the Young People

"Commemorating Orange Shirt Day"

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**Hymn (412)** "This Is the Day" vs. 1&2

- This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

  This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

  This is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
- Open to us, open to us your gates, O God, your gates, O God, we will go in, to your holy place, to your holy place. Open to us your gates, O God, we will go in to your holy place. Open to us, open to us your gates, O God.

  (Young people go to classes.)

**Prayer for Grace (together)** 

Holy God, we remember St. Francis of Assisi, who calls out to us and reminds us of our relationship with each other and the whole of creation. At times we have done well and at other times we have fallen short of Your expectation. Enable us to see our interconnectedness so we may be loving stewards of all that surrounds us. Inspire us to live in harmony and in joy. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Grace**

The Good News is God continues to be our Creator providing us with new opportunities to nurture our lives and world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

# Page 5 Listening for God's Word

**Hebrew Reading** Genesis 2:18-23 M. Kitagawa (God created animals and human beings to be partners in creation.)

**Gospel Lesson** Matthew 6:25-29 M. Kitagawa (God provides us with all we need.)



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

Reflection "Living in Harmony with Creation"

O rushing winds and breezes soft, O clouds that ride the winds aloft, sing praises, hallelujah!

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O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Earth, ever fertile, day by day brings forth rich blessings on our way: sing praises, hallelujah!
 The flowers and fruits that verdant grow, let them God's glory also show: sing praises, hallelujah! hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,

## Responding to God

#### **Minute for Mission**

Hymn (236) "Now Thank We All Our God" vs. 1-3Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love,

and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ill in this world and the next.

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All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given, the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven, the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## **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" vs. 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.

**Postlude** Trumpet Voluntary in D, Op. 6 #5
J. Stanley – J. Liddle, trumpet

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**Thank you** for joining our in-person and 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 teams who are helping to run the service and to those participating in our inperson and Zoom audio/video service. Special thanks to J. Brooker for helping to lead the hymns and to J. Liddle for inspiring us with his awesome trumpet playing.

**Special thanks** to C. MacLean, J. Cermak and M. Kitagawa for leading the service while Rev. Cooper is not able to attend.

**Today, Sunday, September 25**<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate our **8**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary** as Bayview United Church. This is an in-person service as well as Zoom service. There is a box lunch following the service which you can eat at the church or take home.

We are also 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 2**<sup>nd</sup>, is World Wide Communion Sunday on Zoom. 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 9**th, we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday on Zoom.

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Sunday, October 16th, worship service on Zoom.

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>,** in-person worship service as well as a Zoom service.

BUC participated in the Terry Fox Run on Sunday September 18. If you would like to support the BUC – Mickeys Team in fundraising for cancer research, you can donate directly by clicking on this link BUC - Mickeys Team or by visiting

https://run.terryfox.ca/team/bucmickeysteam/add/registration/info.

We thank everyone for their 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 friend or yourself. Please email Rev. Cooper or R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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Have a Blessed Day!