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Worship Service

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Advent III: Candle of Joy Blue Christmas Remembrance

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

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy.

– **Thich Nhat Hanh**

Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. --**Henri Nouwen**

It is not joy that makes us grateful. It is gratitude that makes us joyful. – **Anonymous**

We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves. -- **Buddha**

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Praising God

Prelude “O Little Town of Bethlehem”
Phillips Brooks/ Lewis H. Redner - arr. Mark Hayes



Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Christmas God, You are so close,
we can feel Your joy in our hearts.
Like children on tiptoe, we are breathless with
anticipation at the wonder in store for us.
O God, we do not want to miss any of the excitement.
Teach us to listen for the voice of the angels and to
search for the signs of Your presence.

As we worship today...
we remember our loved ones...
no longer physically with us.
May Your presence bring us comfort and healing...
hope and peace in our hearts.
Let us celebrate Your majestic presence...
as we worship with joy in our hearts!

Opening Prayer (together)

God of exuberant Joy, You break forth into our darkness, giving us joy in our sorrow and comfort in our loneliness. Fill us with Your eternal joy that will enable our hearts to overflow with jubilation this day. Help us to continue to experience this joy, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. Amen.

Hymn (232) "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" vs.1,2,3

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
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.

Advent Candle Lighting "Candle of Joy"

C. & D. Ariyadasa
S. & J. Cermak



Candle Hymn (6) "A Candle is Burning" vs. 1,2,3

- 1 A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
a candle of hope in December's dark night.
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.
- 2 A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.
- 3 A candle is burning, a candle of joy,
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.
Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow
as joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

Hymn (59) "Joy to the World" vs. 1, 2, 4

- 1 Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:
let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
- 4 He rules the earth with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Commissioning and Benediction

Do not fear, for God is with you;
Do not be dismayed, for our God
Will strengthen you and help you;
God will uphold you with a righteous right hand
And give you peace. (Isaiah 41:10)
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish blessing)

Choral Amen (tune: 48 Hark! the Herald...Sing)

**In this Advent time of waiting,
May we serve the Prince of Peace.**

**Share His love with those around us,
Joy and hope in all increase.
Dream the vision, tell the story,
Healing bring to those in need.
Share the promises once more,
Christ is near, who came before.
Advent comes, the time is here,
Jesus Christ will soon appear.**

Postlude "The Coventry Carol with Away in a Manger"- old English carol; J.R. Murray
arr. Cindy Berry

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio and video worship service today. We hope you found the worship service a meaningful experience.

White Gift Project: On White Gift Sunday, December 18th, you are invited to give a financial contribution to the church and say it is for Massey Centre.

Massey Centre is a client-centered infant and early childhood mental health organization which supports pregnant and parenting girls and women, aged 13-25. They believe in the dignity, value and potential of each young woman and baby served. With donors' support, each young mom has access to prenatal and postnatal care, learns how to care for her baby, completes her education, and develops the skills needed to build a successful life and relationship with her baby. Thank you for your support!

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

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Thanks to C. & D. Ariyadasa, and S. and J. Cermak for leading our Advent Candle liturgy. Thanks to J. Cermak for reading our scriptures. Thank you to K. Shikaze for reading our Minute for Mission. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, December 11th, Advent III, the candle of Joy will be lit and Blue Christmas Service. You are invited to write the names of your loved ones who have passed away over the years on a blue star from the newsletter or bulletin (see last page), or you can light a candle (battery or real) in their memory.

Sunday, December 18th, Advent IV, the candle of Love, Pre-Christmas Service with special music and celebration of White Gift. Our White Gift money donations will go to support Massey Centre. Thank you for your support.

Saturday, December 24th, at 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service with carols, solos, scriptures, a Christmas dramatic reading and Christ candle lighting. Let's celebrate the joy and magic of the Christmas story together!!

Sunday, December 25th, Please note: We will not have a service.

Sunday, January 1st, Please note: We will not have a service.

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Japanese Social Services Holiday Drive. If you would like to support the Holiday Drive, please send a donation to Japanese Social Services (Holiday Drive), 6 Garamond Ct #235, North York, ON M3C 1Z5. For online donation please visit their website jss.ca/en/news/holidaydrive2022. 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.

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.



(You can write the names of loved ones on the star.)



Have a blessed day!!