

Bayview United Church

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Worship Service
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Third Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 22nd, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

“Vocation does not come from a voice out there calling me to be something I am not. It comes from a voice in here calling me to be the person I was born to be.” —**Thomas Merton**

“Your profession is not what brings home your weekly paycheck, your profession is what you're put here on earth to do, with such passion and such intensity that it becomes spiritual in calling.” – **Vincent van Gogh**

Your job is not just to do what your parents say, what your teachers say, what society says, but to figure out what your heart calling is and to be led by that.

--**Oprah Winfrey**

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude

“As the Deer”

Martin Nystrom
arr. Douglas E. Wagner



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

When Jesus went walking past two disciples of John the Baptist, they started to follow Jesus.

Jesus turned to them and asked, “What are you looking for?”

They spent the rest of the day with Jesus.

The disciples soon realized they had found the Messiah.

May we, like Andrew and Peter, respond to Jesus’ voice and answer his call to follow him.

Opening Prayer (together)

God of Light, You have brought Your light into the dark corners of our lives. You have lifted our spirits with Your call to be followers. Some of us are called to the task of offering support and friendship. Others are called to proclaim Your truth through the gift of words. Some are called to sing Your praises through songs. We rejoice today in the many ways Your light touches our lives. Amen.

Hymn (563) "Jesus, You Have Come" vs. 1,3,4

1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

**O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.**

3 You need my hands, full of caring
through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. **R**

4 You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. **R**

Prayer for Grace (together)

**Loving God, You fill our hearts with love and joy.
Help us to treasure Your gift of community.
Where there is doubt and despair help us to bring
Your hope. May we be open to Your call to be
disciples. Encourage us to be Your light each**

day. Bind and guide us in Your love as Your people. Amen.

Sung Response (377) "Holy Spirit, Hear Us" vs. 1,3

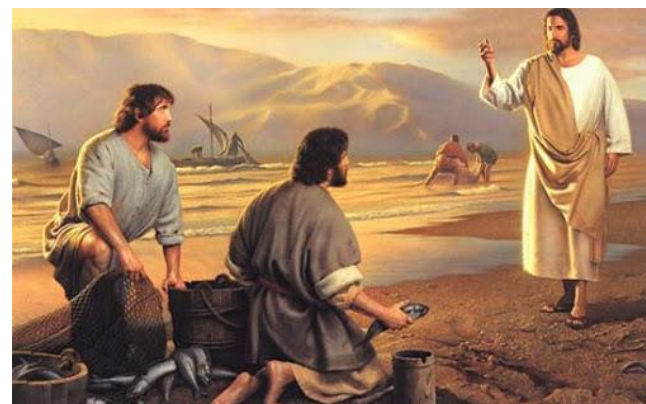
1 Holy Spirit, hear us,
help us while we sing;
breathe into the music
of the praise we bring.

3 Holy Spirit, prompt us
when we bow to pray;
speak within and teach us
what we ought to say.

Listening for God's Word

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 49:1-7 M. Kitagawa
(The mission of God's servant.)

Gospel Lesson John 1:29-42 M. Kitagawa
(Simon and Andrew become disciples.)



Solo "Faith of Our Fathers" Frederick Faber/
H.F.Hemy
L. Lazar, Soprano

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Sermon "Living Your Call" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (510) "We Have This Ministry" vs. 1,2,3

- 1 We have this ministry
and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power
that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word,
speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world
may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.
- 2 O Christ, the tree of life,
our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower
when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,
called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts,
the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God,
receive our giving.
- 3 The yoke of Christ is ours,
the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross,
the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve,
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,
we die and rise again.
We have this ministry, O God,
receive our loving.

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Responding to God

Statement of Faith -The New Creed-

**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 other 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.**

Hymn (509) "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" vs. 1, 2, 3

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? **R**

Commissioning and Benediction

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with kindness,
And give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish blessing)

Choral Amen (MV 216) "Wherever You May Go"

Refrain: written by David Kai

**Wherever You may go, I will follow,
And Your people shall be my people too.
Wherever You may go, I will follow,**

For I would be faithful, loyal and true.

Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
We will travel side by side
And God's love will be our guide. **(refrain)**

Postlude "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"
Henry Percy Smith - arr. Vicki Collinsworth

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

Many thanks to J. Brooker and B. Kai for
coordinating our Zoom audio and video service.
Thanks to M. Kitagawa for reading our scriptures.
Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles
Cookson for their music.

Today, Sunday, January 22nd, 11:00 a.m. - worship
service

1:00 p.m. – A Congregational Meeting will be held on
January 22nd to vote and choose one option for the
future of our congregation, as outlined in the Council
presentation on November 20th, 2022. Voting will be
via Zoom and only those members and adherents
present are able to vote. We encourage everyone to
attend this meeting online or by phone.

**Sunday, January 29th, 11:00 a.m. - Worship
Service and Celebration of Holy Communion.** We
invite you, when you join the service, to have ready a
piece of bread or cracker and a beverage, and
together we will share the Lord's Supper.

Sunday, February 5th, 11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Sunday, February 12th, 11:00 a.m. – Black History Worship Service

2022 Annual Reports are due on February 5th. Please send reports to church office, office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sun. March 12th, 2023.

The 2023 offering envelopes have arrived at the church. Because of the pandemic we are having difficulty distributing them. If you wish to have your envelopes, please email or call the church office and let us know. We will be arranging a drive-by envelope pickup at the church on **Saturday, January 28th between 10:00 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Please let us know if you will pick them up on that day. If you are a shut-in or unable to pick up your envelopes, please contact L. Clubine-Ito or contact the church to make alternate arrangements. Please note that your envelope number or PAR number has not changed which means you can use e-transfer or mail to send your offering without your envelopes. Please include your envelope number on an e-transfer or cheque. 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.

God bless you, stay well, and we hope you join in for our service next Sunday.



Have a blessed day!