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Worship Service

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Celebration of Communion

Sunday, January 29th, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

– **Margaret J. Wheatley**

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – **Coretta Scott King**

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much" – **Helen Keller**

"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." – **African Proverb**

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "Let Us Break Bread Together
on Our Knees"

African-American spiritual- arr. Phillip Keveren



Words of Welcome **Acknowledging the Territory**

Call to Worship

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light through the life and ministry of Jesus.

Come let us unite as God's community of believers.

Let us share the Good News that Jesus taught to his disciples.

May we open ourselves to God's Spirit at work in our lives.

As we worship let us celebrate, "Community is a hand to hold through the journey of life." (Dr. Nikki Noce)

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Opening Prayer (together)

Holy God, You invite us to be Your community of believers. When Jesus' disciples first got together, they gathered as individuals. As they spent more time with each other, they became more like a family. They each had their own gifts yet sought to use them in support of Christ's ministry in the world. May we, as a community of faith, seek to work together and live as faithful followers of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn (401) "Worship the Lord" vs. 1,2,3,4

**Worship the Lord (worship the Lord)
worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands)
in devotion to God who is one!**

- 1 Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing, and with our lips our togetherness voicing, giving ourselves to a life of creativeness, worship and work must be one! **(to vs 2)**
- 2 Praying and training that we be a blessing, and by our handiwork daily confessing: we are committed to serving humanity, worship and work must be one! **(to vs 3)**
- 3 Called to be partners with God in creation, honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation, we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice, worship and work must be one! **(to vs 4)**
- 4 Bringing the bread and the wine to the table, asking that we may be led and enabled, truly united to build new communities,

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worship and work must be one! R

Prayer for Grace (together)

Loving God, in a world full of competition and division, You call us to be united in our mission as Your church. Help us treasure uniqueness, yet at the same time live out God's Word in a spirit of unity. May we use the gifts of empathy, caring, encouragement and cooperation in our daily living. Bind us in Your love and unite us as Your people of faith. 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

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

P. Watanabe

(Overcome divisions and find unity.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:12-23

P. Watanabe

(Jesus begins his ministry.)



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Solo "Jesus, Teacher, Brave and Bold"
Walter Farquharson/Ron Klusmeier
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Sermon "The Gift of Community" Rev. Cooper

Responding to God

Invitation to the Table (Rev. Cooper and P. Watanabe)

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: People of faith, let us unite as one as we satisfy our hunger and deepen our faith.

Hymn (469) "We Gather Here" vs. 1, 2, 3

1. We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving son God fashions us as one:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, - everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here,
we in turn forgive all wrongs.

2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the One who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the One we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which Christ is the head;

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though unseen he meets us here
in the breaking of the bread.

3 We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
come, share the Lord.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Rev. Cooper and P. Watanabe)

One: God is with us.

All: We are not alone.

One: Christ is present.

All: The Spirit is among us.

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

All: We open them to God and to one another.

One: Let us give thanks.

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

One: Mighty and tender God, in Jesus of Nazareth,
we recognize the fullness of Your grace: light,
life and love. You are revealed to us in words
that comfort us, in teachings that challenge us
and in the compassion that heals and frees us.

**All: We seek to remember and to be filled with
such longing for heaven on earth, that we
may rise together to follow Your Way.**

One: Blessed are You, gracious God, Creator of
Light, Giver of Life, Source of Love. At Your
Word creation dawns. Under your rainbow the
floods recede. With a burning bush You hallow
the earth. By a pillar of fire, You guide Your
people.

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All: You placed angels in the sky and a star in the eastern sky. You sent Jesus to be the light of the world, to heal the sick, to befriend the stranger, to stand up for the oppressed and to give his life in service to others.

One: Jesus, gift from God, lived so that we might know what it is like to walk with each other in justice and in communion with God.

All: Through the ages, Your Spirit has moved and touched the lives of Your people and anointed them for witness and service.

One: Send now Your Spirit on us and these gifts of bread and cup. May they be for us the remembering of the Holy One's love, grace and purpose. **Amen.**

Words of Institution



Sharing the Bread and the Cup

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

Post-Communion Prayer (together)

Life-giving God, may we who share Christ's love, be Your bread of blessing; we who drink his cup,

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bring new life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Wrap us in Your Holy Presence and lead us out into the world, remembering that we are Your people and celebrate Your life within us. **Amen**

Hymn (402) "We Are One" vs. 1,3,4

- 1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.
- 3 We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.
- 4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

Commissioning and Benediction

Even those who are young grow weak;
young people can fall exhausted.

But those who trust in the LORD for help,
will find their strength renewed.

They will rise on wings like eagles;
they will run and not get weary;

they will walk and not grow weak. (Isaiah 40:30-31)

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 “The Girl with the Flaxen Hair”
Claude Debussy

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 P. Watanabe for reading our

Scriptures and Communion liturgy. Thanks to K.
Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles Cookson for their
music.

**Today, 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**

**Sunday, February 19th, 11:00 a.m. – Family Day
Service**

1:00 p.m. –Council meeting

**Sunday, February 26th, 11:00 a.m. – First Sunday
of Lent**

“Those attending the congregational meeting last
Sunday voted overwhelmingly to explore merging with
another congregation. The Exploration Team will now
move forward confident that their efforts are
supported by a united congregation and that we are
all committed to finding a church that we can call our
home. Council is grateful to all of you for sharing the
vision of the future and participating in the process.”

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.

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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.

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



Have a blessed day!