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Worship Service

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 5th, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

— **Maya Angelou**

"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." — **Aristotle**

"You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection."

-- **Buddha**

"Some people believe holding on and hanging in there are signs of great strength. However, there are times when it takes much more strength to know when to let go and then do it." -- **Ann Landers**

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude

"Be Thou My Vision"
Irish Melody (Slane)



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth."

I am God's seasoning to flavour and preserve the earth.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

I am a beacon for truth and illumine God's way.

May worship add sparkle to our shine and zest to our life!

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Opening Prayer (together)

God, thank You for Jesus, Light of the World and Salt of the Earth. Thank You for people here and in every part of the world who quietly work from within to enhance life for all. Thank You for others who are shining examples of what life can be. May Jesus' way flavour our saltiness, and may the Holy Spirit brighten our light for the benefit of all. Amen.

Hymn (595) "We Are Pilgrims" vs. 1,2,3,4

- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.

Prayer for Grace (together)

Loving God, in a world filled with light and darkness, You fill our hearts with love and joy. Help us to treasure Your gift of community.

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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.

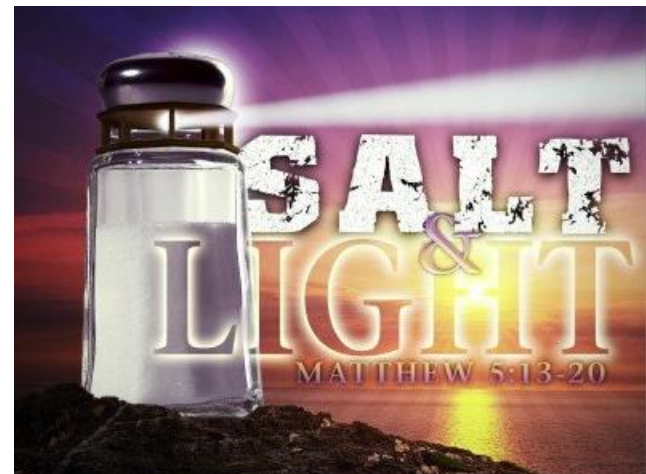
Sung Response (377) "Holy Spirit, Hear Us" vs. 1,3

- 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 Psalm 112:1-9 L. Clubine-Ito
(We are invited to delight in God.)

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:13-20 L. Clubine-Ito
(Jesus says, "You are salt; you are light.")



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Solo "We Are Marching" (Siyahamba)
South African trad. song, trans. Anders Nyberg
L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "The Importance of Salt" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (672) "Take Time to Be Holy" vs. 1, 2, 3

- 1 Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.
- 2 Take time to be holy, let him be your guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.
- 3 Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul,
each thought and each motive
beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
you soon shall be fitted for service above.

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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,**

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**But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn (258) "O World of God" vs. 1,2,3

- 1 O world of God, so vast and strange,
profound and wonderful and fair,
beyond the utmost reach of thought
but not beyond our Maker's care!
We are not strangers on this earth
whirling amid the suns of space;
we are God's children, this our home,
with those of every clime and race.
- 2 O world where human life is lived,
so strangely mingling joy and pain,
so full of evil and of good,
so needful that the good shall reign!
It is this world that God has loved,
and goodness was its Maker's plan,
the promise of God's triumph is
a humble birth in Bethlehem.
- 3 O world of time's far-stretching years!
There was a day when time stood still,
a central moment when there rose
a cross upon a cruel hill;
in pain and death love's power was seen,
the mystery of time revealed,
the wisdom of the ways of God,
the grace through which our hurt is
healed.

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 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Rowland H. Prichard, arr. Joel Raney

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 L. Clubine-Ito for reading our

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

**Today, 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**

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

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



**May the Epiphany light shine brightly
in your life!**