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Worship Service

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Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 16th, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

The "main character" in my favourite book dies, but it's okay, He comes back to life after 3 days.

I recommend it 100%!!! – **Anonymous**

"If Easter says anything to us today, it says this: You can put truth in a grave but it won't stay there."

- **Clarence W. Hall**

"Egg hunts are proof that your children can find things when they really want." – **Anonymous**

"The Easter egg symbolizes our ability to break out of the hardened, protective shell we've surrounded ourselves with that limits our thoughts and beliefs. As we break open our hearts and minds we discover a transformation to new, life enhancing thoughts and beliefs." – **Siobhan Shaw**

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude "Were You There? African American spiritual
arr. Phillip Keveren



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

Springtime changes are bursting forth all around us.

The earth is awakening with displays of wondrous colour and glory.

The cycle of living and dying continues.

Lent has passed and the celebration of Easter continues.

Let us be open to the new life and new possibilities before us as we worship and praise God this day.

Opening Prayer (together)

God of Easter, of life, of hope, of resurrection, we have celebrated with joy the great festival of our faith, the foundation of our existence. Enable us now to show forth the power of resurrection in all that we think and feel, say and do. Help us to recognize and celebrate signs of resurrection throughout the universe so that we and all creation might be one with the risen Christ. Amen.

Hymn (164) "The Day of Resurrection" vs. 1,2,3

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be free of evil, that we may see aright
the Christ in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and, listening to the accents, may hear so calm
and plain
Christ's own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise
the victor strain.

3 Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes
of gladness blend,
for Christ indeed is risen, our Joy that has no end.

Prayer for Grace (together)

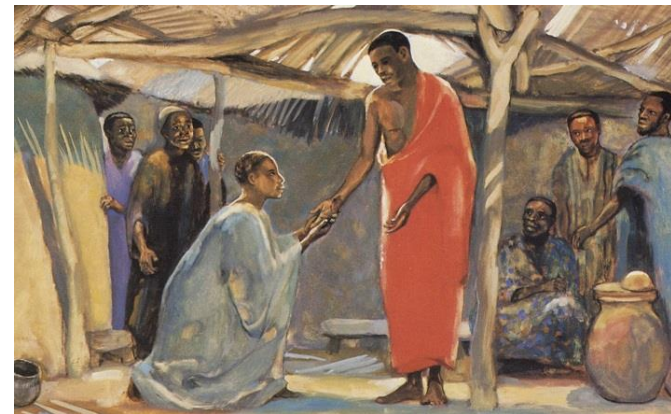
Holy God, when You raised Jesus from death to new life, You showed us that not even a sealed tomb could separate us from You. When our hearts have been shut tight to You and others, open us to new ways of loving. When we have hidden behind closed doors because we were afraid, open our lives to receive Your courage and strength. Help us to open our eyes to see You among us as the Risen One. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

In Christ, all walls are broken down. With God all things are possible. New life begins again. We are an Easter people, thanks be to God!

Listening for God's Word

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-31 M. Kitagawa
(Jesus appears to the disciples and to Thomas.)



Solo

"Mary, Did You Know?"

Mark Lowry/Buddy Greene
L. Lazar, Soprano

Sermon "Living Our Faith" Rev. Cooper

Hymn (352) "I Danced in the Morning" vs. 1,4,5

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. **R**

5 They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. **R**

Responding to God

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (together)

**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,
But deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory.
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn (173) "Thine Is the Glory" vs. 1,2,3

- 1 Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where the body lay.
**Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son:
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**
- 2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth: death hath lost its sting. **R**
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **R**

Commissioning and Benediction

May the God of new beginnings light your path.
May the song of the Spirit play in your heart.
May Jesus, our promise of new life, take you by the
hand and lead you in the dance of life.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of God's hand.
(Irish blessing)

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Choral Amen (586) "We Shall Go Out" vs. 1
**We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs
that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts
that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.**

Postlude "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"
Giovanni da Palestrina (17th C.) - arr. Cindy Berry

Thank you for joining our Zoom audio/video worship service. May your hearts be touched with a spirit of peace and calm knowing God is always with you to guide, support and care for you.

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

Today, Sunday, April 16th, 11:00 a.m. – 2nd Sunday of Easter

1:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

Sunday, April 23rd, 10:00 a.m. – Third Sunday of Easter. Joint service with Cummer Avenue U.C. The service will be held in person at Cummer (53 Cummer

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Ave.) and on Zoom. Please contact BUC office for details on how to connect.

Sunday, April 30th, 11:00 a.m. – Fourth Sunday of Easter held on BUC Zoom.

Sunday, May 7th, 11:00 a.m. – Fifth Sunday of Easter held **in person** at **BUC** and on **Zoom** audio/video. Refreshments to follow the service.

BUC In-Person & Zoom Services: We are having a combination in-person and Zoom audio/video service on **Sunday, June 4th** to celebrate Promotion Sunday, Confirmation and Holy Communion. On **Sunday, June 18th**, we will have our last service as BUC which will be in person or on Zoom.

Please watch for further details. All other services will be on Zoom audio/video only.

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

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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.

Opportunities to Build Community with Cummer

Evening Hymn Sing: Sunday, April 16, 7:00 pm.

Join T. Sullivan and members of the choir in person or on-line for an informal evening of evening hymns, with some vocal and instrumental music.

Fresh Flower Arranging! Saturday April 22, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. As part of our Ministry for Community Wellness, we are inviting you to join in our ‘mental wellness’ morning! Come, and enjoy working with beautiful fresh flowers, or possibly spring bulbs – and learn to create a lovely ‘living’ arrangement to take home with you. As well, spend some time in good company! This is a wonderful way to say “Goodbye Winter...and Hello Spring,” while lifting our spirits and working on creating some excellent Social Wellness skills. Suggested donation to help offset the cost of materials: \$30.00. To register, please contact K. Shea (kshea@cummeravenueuc.ca or 416-222-5417 x 202) no later than Monday April 17th. Rides are available if required. Numbers will be limited to 20, so get your name in early! Our space is completely accessible.

Clothing Needed: As the weather warms up, the Drop-Inn needs the following items: t-shirts (men’s and women’s), men’s shorts and men’s jeans (sizes 34/36).

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Bayview/Cummer Exploration Teams’ Activities Week Ending April 15, 2023

The activities of the Exploration Teams during the last two weeks involved the following:

- Exploration Team continues to meet on a bi-weekly basis.
- Ongoing discussions with Shining Waters Regional Council (SWRC) regarding the details of a framework acceptable to the Communities of Faith Commission. Draft report to the Commission is being developed.
- Members of the Commission have asked for meetings with various groups/congregations at varying stages of the proposed amalgamation.
- Chairs of Bayview and Cummer governing bodies met to discuss governance model and committee membership.
- Job descriptions are being reviewed to ensure the needs of the new congregation will be addressed.
- Discussions with SWRC regarding the administration of the Bayview property after June 30. Also, discussions with Toronto United Church Council occurred as they will be engaged by SWRC to manage the Bayview property if the amalgamation is approved. Tenant communications at Bayview are being addressed.
- Financial needs of the new congregation are being forecasted for presentation to SWRC.
- List of possible items to be relocated to Cummer from Bayview has been reviewed
- T. Sullivan, Cummer’s Director of Music Ministries, attended Bayview to assess the desirability of relocating pianos to Cummer. Decorte & Co. Piano Services has been engaged to prepare a formal assessment.
- J. D. Strachan, general contractor for 53 Cummer, has been asked to quote on the relocation of the stained-glass dome from Bayview to Cummer.
- Discussions with TUCC regarding the forecast building costs of operating 53 Cummer.
- Draft congregational report prepared outlining the findings and recommendations of the Exploration Teams.

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The Exploration Teams have developed a TENTATIVE time line which is as follows:

- Week of April 16 – Communities of Faith Commission meeting with Bayview representatives
- April 23 at 10:00 a.m. - Joint worship service at Cummer
- May 7 – Cummer building reopening celebration
- Mid-May – Cummer congregational town hall meetings
- May 17 – Approval of tentative agreement in principle with the Communities of Faith Commission
- Late May - Written report and recommendations of the Exploration Teams distributed to the Congregations
- June 11 – Separate Congregational Meetings to vote on the amalgamation
- June 18 – Bayview decommissioning service
- June 21 – Communities of Faith Commission final approvals
- June 25 – first worship service of the new congregation.



May you have a Blessed Easter Season!