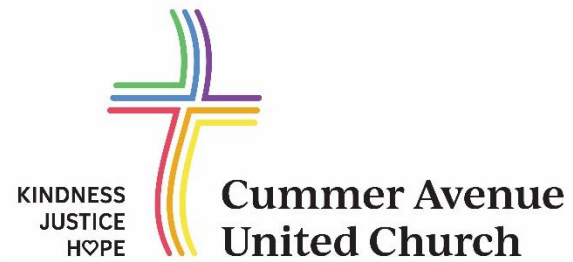


Cummer Avenue United Church Bayview United Church Joint Worship Service



Sunday, April 23, 2023
10:00 am



*We are an inclusive Christian community celebrating God's presence
as we work to enrich lives and transform our world.*

Ministers: The Congregation
Lead Minister: Rev. C. MacPherson
Minister,
Community Wellness: K. Shea
Director of Music Ministries: T. Sullivan
Program Director, Drop-Inn: D. Doucette
Church Administrator: H. Miller

Sunday, April 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter

bold face type: congregational response, *: you are invited to stand
VU: Voices United, MV: More Voices,

*As we gather today, we acknowledge the history, spirituality, culture,
and stewardship of the land of the Indigenous people of this region,
most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation who are
Anishinaabe Ojibwe people. We seek to live in respect, peace, and right
relations with them as we live, work, and worship upon their
traditional territory. We are also mindful of broken covenants and the
need to strive to make right with all our relations.*

Gathering Music:

Easter Hymn Preludes - Gotch
Come You Faithful; Thine Is the Glory;
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow - J.C. Bach

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

We gather as people who follow the light.

**Whether we wait for the sun's rising, or light a candle in
the night, or experience the light in a loved one's heart,
we seek light by which we may live.**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."

May his light burn warmly within us and shine brightly out from us for all the world to recognize.

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Music: Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New (MV#115)

Peace Greeting

"Every breath we take, every step we make, can be filled with peace, joy and serenity." (*Thich Nhat Hanh*)

May peace be with each of you.

And with your spirit.

***Music:** Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (VU#232)

Centering Prayer

Assurance

Let us move forward on right paths.

Let us follow in God's Way.

Let us travel together as God's people:

the people of God journeying together.

Through the pastures of life,

in the depths of the shadowed valley,

among the terror of those who hate us,

we know we are not alone.

We travel together.

We travel in God's love. Thanks be to God!

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Theme Time

Music: It Only Takes a Spark (VU#289)

*The children and youth are invited
to continue their worship in Church School*

Reading: Luke 24:13-35

An encounter with Jesus on the journey to Emmaus leads to full recognition and witness.

Musical Offering: Emmaus

- Alonso

Message

- Rev. C. MacPherson

Moment of Reflection

***Music:** Stay with Us (VU#182)

Community Prayers

Prayer of Jesus

(You are invited to pray in the language of your choice)

**Loving God in heaven,
hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come,
your will be done**

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,**

now and forever. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Living Kindness, Justice and Hope

***Music:** We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection (VU#586)

***Closing Words**

***Blessing**

***Sung Blessing:** Our God Goes with Us

Closing Music: Sortie Fanfare

- Maillochaud

We leave this time of worship to live out our faith in the world. Reach out. Call a friend. Call a neighbour. Share Kindness, Justice and Hope wherever you can. As we go, there is an opportunity to enjoy coffee, tea and conversation. Blessings! Go with God!

Lyrics

Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New (MV#115)

Behold, behold,
I make all things new,
beginning with you
and starting from today.
Behold, behold,
I make all things new,
my promise is true,
for I am Christ the way.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (VU#232)

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.

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.

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.

Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

It Only Takes a Spark (VU#289)

It only takes a spark,
to get a fire going,
and soon all those around,
can warm up in its glowing:
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring
when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it,
you want to sing,
it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend
this happiness that I've found –
on God you can depend,
it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top;
I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Musical Offering: Emmaus

As we journeyed on our way
and remembered Christ our friend,
our eyes were slow to recognize,
our hearts to comprehend.
Now a stranger at our side,
we talked with him on the way
of all the things that happened
that led us to this day.

**In the breaking of the bread
we have known you, O Lord.
By your word have we been led
to the breaking of the bread.**

Then he opened up the Word
of the prophets who had said,
‘Your Saviour first must suffer,
then rise from the dead.’
As our journey found its end
and the dark of night drew near,
we told the stranger,
“Stay with us till morning’s light appears.” **R**

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Stay with Us (VU#182)

Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the pain.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks again.

Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the grief.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning brings relief.

Stay with us through the night.
Stay with us through the dread.
Stay with us, blessed stranger
till the morning breaks new bread.

- Alonso

We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection (VU#586)

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.

We’ll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we’ll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we’ll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We’ll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we’ll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.

Our God Goes with Us

**Our God goes with us wherever we may roam,
our God goes with us, makes each new place our home,
as God goes with us we live by faith, not fear,
thanks be to God, ever ’fore us, ever near.**

The Spirit moved, blew boats across the sea,
brooded in hearts that struggled to be free,
new life, new faith, new challenges to dare,
through blood, sweat, toil, bitter tears, our God was there. **R**

The Spirit urged, go forth and start anew,
rebuild my church, a sanctuary true,
welcome by friends, their paths entwined as one,
stronger united with every rising sun. **R**

The Spirit leads; the future, still unknown,
is not to fear, we trust in God alone,
be with us still as we move on again,
strengthen, inspire us, our Saviour and our Friend **R**

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