

Bayview United Church

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Worship Service

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 30th, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

“A sheep who teaches something to the shepherd is no more a sheep but a teacher!” – Mehmet Murat ildan

“Without a Shepherd, the sheep will go astray.”
– Lailah Gifty Akita

“To remember the nature, spend a day with a shepherd; to remember yourself, spend a day with nature!” — Mehmet Murat ildan

“The mere presence of the shepherd puts the sheep at peace. When he is near, they don't panic, and they don't fight. They can lay down in peaceful slumber. It's the same with you and me. Nothing reduces stress like the presence of the Shepherd. When you are living in close connection to Jesus, you can sleep, you can relax, you can rest.” — James Collins,

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Praising God

Prelude "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
Sebastian Temple, arr. Jane Holstein



Words of Welcome

Acknowledging the Territory

Call to Worship

The Good Shepherd calls our names and gathers us in worship.

We hear God's voice ringing through all creation and gladly come.

Let us trust the Good Shepherd who knows the way, and leads us to green pastures, still waters and restores our soul.

Come let us be guided and nurtured by our loving God, Who is the Source and Strength of our faith!

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Opening Prayer (together)

Shepherding God, You are always ahead to lead us on our journey. You are behind us to encourage us along the way. You are beside us to support us, below us to uphold us and above us to transcend us. May we feel Your guiding and protective Spirit so we may allow ourselves to be led and supported by Your love. Amen.

Hymn (626) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" vs.1&3

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

Prayer for Grace (together)

Companion God, You call us to walk Your way of life, yet sometimes we prefer paths of our own making. You hold out Your hand, but we sometimes prefer to walk alone. You offer insight and support, yet sometimes we close our eyes and ears. Help us to

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be open to Your presence, to listen for Your voice and to follow where You lead, that we may find the way that leads to abundant life. Amen.

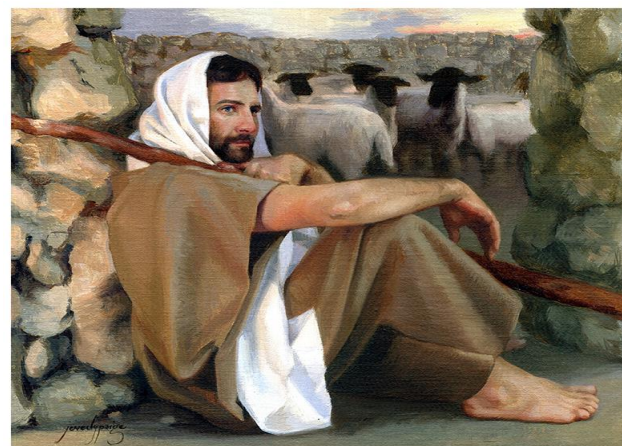
Assurance of Grace

When we open our ears and listen, new possibilities and learnings will present themselves to us and they will guide us into the future in a spirit of hope and certainty. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Psalm Reading Psalm 23 P. Watanabe
(God is my shepherd.)

Gospel Lesson John 10:1-10 P. Watanabe
(Jesus the Good Shepherd and the gate.)



Solo

"The Rose" Amanda McBroom
P. Watanabe, Contralto
Recorded October 16, 2016

Sermon "Walking Through the Valleys" Rev. Cooper

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Hymn (635) "All the Way my Saviour Leads Me"

- 1 All the way my Saviour leads me; vs. .1.2
 what have I to ask beside?
 Can I doubt his tender mercy
 who through life has been my guide?
 Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,
 here by faith in him to dwell,
 for I know, whate'er befall me,
 Jesus doeth all things well.
- 2 All the way my Saviour leads me,
 cheers each winding path I tread,
 gives me grace for every trial,
 feeds me with the living bread.
 Though my weary steps may falter,
 and my soul athirst may be,
 gushing from the rock before me,
 lo, a spring of joy I see!

Responding to God

Minute for Mission D. Domelle
Prayer D. Domelle

Hymn (706) "Give Thanks for Life" vs. 1,2,4

- 1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
 mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
 yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light
 caught from the Christ-flame,
 bursting through the night,
 who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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- 4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
 lying in darkness does its life retain
 in resurrection to grow green again,
 Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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)

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 "We Gather Together" Netherlands folk
 song/ Edward Kremser, arr. John Carter

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 and care for you.

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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 D. Domelle for reading Minute for Mission. Thanks to K. Quinton and L. Lazar for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, April 30th, 11:00 a.m. – 4th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 7th, 11:00 a.m. – 5th Sunday of Easter held **in person** at **BUC** and on **Zoom** audio/video. Refreshments to follow the service.

1:00p.m. – Japanese Language Service in the sanctuary.

Sunday, May 14th, 11:00 a.m. – Mother’s Day Service on Zoom.

Sunday, May 21st, 11:00 a.m. – 7th Sunday of Easter on Zoom.

Sunday, May 28th, 11:00 a.m. – Pentecost Sunday on Zoom.

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

Bayview/Cummer Avenue Amalgamation – Questions? We know people may have questions

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about the proposed amalgamation with Cummer Avenue United Church. We will answer your questions as best we can and then share the answers with everyone. Please send your questions to the office (office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca) or mail your questions to the church off and mark “Amalgamation Questions” on the envelope. We will prepare an answer sheet that will be made available to everyone in the congregation. Please have your questions at the office no later than Monday, May 8th. Thank you!

Opportunity: There are many items in the church we are not able to take to Cummer. On Sunday May 7th, a table in Fellowship Hall will be set up with “treasures”. Please help yourself to anything on the table. There are also hymn books in the narthex and other books in the library available to take. If you are interested in furniture or larger items, please see L. Fujita to find out what is available.

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.

Bayview/Cummer Exploration Teams Week Ending April 29, 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.
- Draft framework for an amalgamation submitted to Shining Waters Regional Council (SWRC) for their comments prior to submitting it to the Communities of Faith Commission.
- Members of the Commission met with representatives from Bayview and a meeting with Cummer representatives has been scheduled for May 3.
- Chairs of Bayview and Cummer governing bodies continue their discussions concerning the details of a proposed governance model and committee membership.
- Job descriptions are being discussed to ensure the needs of the new congregation will be addressed.
- The property development arm of The United Church has been engaged to offer their views on the use of the Bayview property.
- Discussions with SWRC regarding the administration of the Bayview property after June 30, the proposed effective date of the amalgamation. Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) has been tentatively engaged to manage the day-to-day operation of the building. TUCC is reviewing suppliers and tenant arrangements.
- Decorte Co. Piano Services has provided a formal assessment of Bayview's grand piano and (upright) choir practice piano. Proposal is to move both pianos to Cummer and sell the Cummer baby grand piano.
- Identification of items to be sent to United Church archives continues.
- Discussions as to the manner that the givings databases can be combined.

- Representatives from Bayview and Cummer met to agree on the location of the stained glass dome in the Cummer lobby.
- Draft congregational report containing the findings and recommendations being reviewed by the Exploration Team.

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

- May 7 – Cummer building reopening celebration
- May 8 – Cummer congregational ZOOM town hall
- 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 – The two congregations meet separately and vote on the proposed amalgamation
- June 18 – Bayview and Cummer's last services
- June 21 – Communities of Faith Commission final approvals
- June 25 – first worship service of the new congregation

Opportunities to Build Community at Cummer

Women Now: Tuesday, May 2, 9:30 am, Birch Room. An open invitation to anyone who would like to share a time of fellowship and lively conversation over coffee and goodies. We cover a never-ending variety of topics.

Men's Group: Tuesday, May 2, 11:30 am, Birch Room. Our group is meeting again for our last meeting until after the summer. You are welcome to join us. Bring your lunch and coffee or tea will be provided. For more information call J. Rosevear.



May you have a Blessed Easter Season!