

Bayview United Church

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Worship Service

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 7th, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

“One of the lessons that I grew up with was to always stay true to yourself and never let what somebody else says distract you from your goals.”

–Michelle Obama

“I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.”

–Jimmy Dean

“For one to have complete satisfaction from flowers, you must have time to spend with them.”

–Grace Kelly

“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory.” –Dr. Seuss

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Praising God

Prelude

"Shepherd's Prayer" Op.734

Robert Stolz – L. Fusé, tenor recorder



Welcome and Announcements

C. MacLean

Acknowledging the Territory

C. MacLean

Call to Worship

One: Come, let us gather with thanksgiving!

All: We are indeed on holy ground for God is with us in this place.

One: Jesus is the foundation of our faith...

All: so let us worship and praise His name.

One: May God's Spirit fill our hearts and minds as we praise God with joy and song.

Hymn (245) "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" vs.1&2

1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or
snow or in the morning light.

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Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

- 2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Opening Prayer (together)

**Holy God, we long to know You more clearly, love
You more dearly, follow You more nearly. Thank
You for giving us Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the
wonders of nature and the gift of one another.
May our worship open the way that leads to life
and oneness with You. Amen.**

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 2:2-9 J. Brooker
(Chosen to be living stones.)

Youth Choir "Grab Another Hand"
Traditional campfire song
A. Graham & K. Sumiya, ukuleles

Time with the Young People

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***Hymn (412)** "This Is the Day" vs.1,2,3

- 1 This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made,
that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.**
- 2 Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.**
- 3 You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name,
we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.**

(young people leave for classes)

Prayer for Grace (together)

Loving God, today we heighten our awareness of Your presence within and around us. Help us to open our eyes and imaginations to hear You speaking in the silence, to see Your face in one another, to feel Your love warm our hearts and Your peace soothe our spirits. May we be temples of the living God where You are pleased to dwell. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

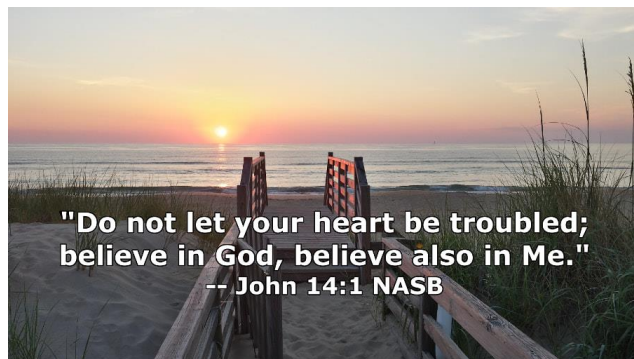
The Good News of the gospel is this: Our God always comes to us to support and nurture us. May our God give us hope and strength to be the people we were created to be. Amen.

Listening for God's Word

Gospel Lesson John 14:1-14 J. Brooker
(Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life.")

Solo "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"
 Thomas Dorsey/George Allen
 P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

Sermon "Home Is Where the Heart Is" Rev. Cooper



Hymn (356) "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" vs. 1,2,3

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God
 and God's righteousness,
 and all these things shall be added unto you.
 Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
 seek and you shall find;
 knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
 Hallelu, hallelujah.
- 3 We do not live by bread alone,
 but by every word
 that proceeds from the mouth of God.
 Hallelu, hallelujah.

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 (331) "The Church Is One Foundation"

vs. 1,2,4,5

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be, his living servant people,
by his own death set free.
- 2 Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
one charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing
eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.
- 5 We now on earth have union with
God the Three in One,
and share through faith communion with
those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord,
give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may
dwell with thee.

Commissioning and Benediction

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 Sonata #6 in G +, 2nd mvt.
 James Hook – L. Fusé, soprano recorder

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.

Many thanks to D. Royer and W. Hong for providing the AV for the in-person service and to B. Kai for coordinating our Zoom audio and video service. Thanks to our greeters B. Kagawa and N. Keen. Thanks to J. Brooker for reading our scripture lessons. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Special thanks to L. Fusé for the musical pieces she played this morning with K. Quinton. It is always a joy to hear you play your recorders.

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Our thanks to our young people for singing and to A. Graham and K. Sumiya for playing the ukuleles in our service. Thanks for sharing your musical gifts with us.

Today, Sunday, May 7th, 11:00 a.m. – 5th Sunday of Easter held in person at BUC and on Zoom audio/video. Following the service you are invited to join us for refreshments downstairs.

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

Today, May 7th: There are many items in the church we are not able to take to Cummer. Today 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.

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.

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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 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!

Newsletter - Do you have something you would like to contribute to our final BUC newsletter? We are looking for pictures, thoughts, memories or stories that have touched or inspired you over the last nine years that we were BUC. Please send your contribution to office@bayviewunitedchurch.ca by **May 15th**.

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.

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

- 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's and Cummer's last services
- June 21 – Communities of Faith Commission final approvals
- June 25 – first worship service of the new congregation

Announcements from Cummer:

Reading Group: Thursday, May 11, 12:30 pm. What was your favourite book that you read since 2020?

Concert and Hymn Sing: Thursday, May 18, 7:30 pm. An evening of instrumental music with T. Sullivan and guest trumpeter P. Sandvidotti, along with some hymns for Ascension Day. In-person or online (use Sunday Worship link).

The Power of Human Connection (Mental Health Seminar): Saturday, May 13, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. The week of May 7-13, 2023, is designated Mental Health Awareness week in Canada. In order to help improve our understanding and support of good mental health awareness and practice,

CAUC's Ministry for Community Wellness is very excited to welcome P. Bombaci as our keynote speaker for the morning. He will be focusing on the importance of "Social Wellness," and social connections to the overall health and wellness of our planet, our society, our communities and our individual well-being, something we've all come to realize, particularly after living through a pandemic lockdown. This will be a valuable time to gather and further understand the importance of social connections - what they are and how to help them happen! This gathering will be open to the larger community, so invite family and friends. Refreshments will be served. If you have questions please email K. Shea at kshea@cummeravenueuc.ca or call 416-222-5417, ext.#202.



May you have a blessed reign!