

# Bayview United Church

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## Worship Service

Zoom Audio Call

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## Ascension Sunday

Sunday, May 21<sup>th</sup>, 2023 11:00 a.m.

### **Moment of Silent Reflection:**

“At His Ascension our Lord entered Heaven, and He keeps the door open for humanity to enter.”

--**Oswald Chambers**

“Faith is moving forward even when things don’t make sense, trusting that in hindsight everything will become clear.” – **Many Hale**

“When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”

– **Alexander Graham Bell**

“Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance, you must keep moving.” – **Albert Einstein**

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## Praising God

**Prelude** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"  
Robert Williams - arr. Cindy Berry



## Ascension Sunday

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Acknowledging the Territory**

### **Call to Worship**

God’s Spirit calls to our spirits, welcoming us in worship.

God’s Spirit calls to our spirits, touching us with love.

God’s Spirit calls us by name, wanting to befriend us, and fills us anew.

Let us open our hearts to the possibilities before us through the power of God’s Spirit at work in our lives!

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#### **Opening Prayer (together)**

**Holy Guide, we worship You as the One Who nudges and nurtures us in our next steps.**

**When the way ahead seems hazy and uncertain, open us to hear Your voice and trust Your inner prompting. Inspire and open us to hear Your voice and receive Your blessings. Amen.**

**Hymn (211) "Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

vs.1,2,3

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet

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fair flowers of Paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.

#### **Prayer for Grace (unison)**

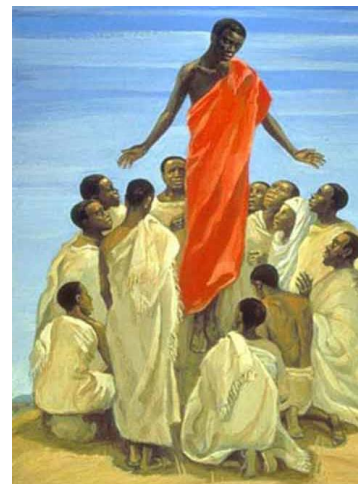
**Nurturing God, we are like seeds; You are the sun, the rain and the rich soil that help us to grow. Sometimes we are afraid to let go of our strongly held beliefs for fear we will disappear. We clutch the familiar, we cling to the old, we are engulfed by the past. Help us, O God, to transform our fears of the future into opportunities for growth, and help us to trust You and Your promise of the Spirit Helper at work in our lives. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Grace**

The Good News is God always comes to us to support and guide us. May God uplift us as we move in a spirit of hope and joy each day. Amen.

### **Listening for God's Word**

**Epistle Reading** Acts 1:1-11 L. Clubine-Ito  
(The ascension of Jesus.)



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**Gospel Reading** Luke 24:44-53 L. Clubine-Ito  
(Jesus teaches the disciples about  
the meaning of scripture.)

**Solo** "Fairest Lord Jesus" Jesuit hymn  
P. Tibbles Cookson, Mezzo Soprano

**Sermon** "Next Steps" Rev. Cooper

**Hymn (213)** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" vs. 1,2,4

1 Rejoice the Lord is King!  
Your risen Lord adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing  
and triumph evermore.

**Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!**

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our sins,  
he took his seat above. **R**

4 Rejoice in glorious hope,  
for Christ, the judge, shall come  
to glorify the saints  
for their eternal home.

**We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

## **Responding to God**

**Minute for Mission  
Prayer**

K. Shikaze  
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**Hymn (642)** "Be Thou My Vision" vs. 1,2,4,5

1 Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;  
naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;  
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;  
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

4 Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5 Great God of heaven, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys,  
O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

## **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 us 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;**

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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** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"  
pub. Kenneth Morris, arr. Jack Schrader

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**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.

**Many thanks** to J. Brooker and B. Kai for coordinating our Zoom audio/video service. Thanks to L. Clubine-Ito for reading our scriptures. Thanks to K. Shikaze for reading our Minute for Mission. Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar and P. Tibbles Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

**Today, Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 a.m.** – Ascension Sunday, **on Zoom.**

**Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.** – Pentecost Sunday, **on Zoom.**

**1:00 p.m.** – Council meeting on Zoom.

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.** – worship service to celebrate Promotion Sunday and Confirmation. **Our service will be in person & on Zoom audio/video.** Following the service there will be a pizza lunch in Fellowship Hall.

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**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.** – 98<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church and celebration of **Holy Communion on Zoom.** Special slide presentation to celebrate BUC through photos and song.

**1:00p.m. – Congregational Meeting** to vote on the amalgamation between BUC and Cummer.

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m.** - Our last worship service as Bayview United Church **in person and on Zoom** followed by a special luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.** – First worship service at Cummer

**Children’s Summer Camp:** BUC is happy to provide \$200.00 (each) towards the cost of a camp experience for young people who wish to attend Sparrow Lake Camp or any other United Church or Christian camp this summer. If interested, please speak to K. Shikaze by June 4th.

**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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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](mailto: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.

### **Cummer Announcements**

Opportunities to Work for Justice:

**Clothing Needed:** The Drop-Inn is in need of summer clothing, particularly t-shirts and men's jeans and shorts (sizes 32 – 36 preferred).

Opportunities to Build Community:

**Doors Open:** Saturday, May 27, 9 am – 5 pm and Sunday, May 28, 9 am – 4 pm. As part of Cummer's Grand Re-Opening celebrations, they are participating in Doors Open Toronto. This is an opportunity for the community to come and see the building and learn a bit about Cummer.



**May you have a blessed day!**