

**Joint Worship Service
Oriole-York Mills United Church
Centennial-Japanese United Church
2609 Bayview Ave. Willowdale, ON M2L 1B5**

CJUC 60th Anniversary

Sunday April 6th, 2014 11:00 a.m.

(*congregation stands as able)

Praising God

Prelude "The Song of Twilight" Yoshinao Nakada
Welcome & Announcements Carol MacLean & Kaz Shikaze
Musical Interlude

Call to Worship

One: God calls us to remember our history.

All: God calls us to act for the sake of our future.

One: God calls us to dream new dreams.

All: God calls us to forge new adventures.

One: God calls us to love and service.

All: God calls us to be Christ's disciples.

One: May we hear God's call and follow.

***Processional Hymn (315)** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"
(traditional introductory hymn)

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Irresistible God, thank You for calling each one of us.
We are here because of the faithfulness, dedication, and
hard work of those church members who came before us.
Inspire, lead and equip us to follow You in new
opportunities and new paths of service. Like the first
ministers and members of the Toronto Japanese United
Church Nisei Congregation, may we willingly use our gifts
to change people's lives and our world. Speak to us,
O God, and renew our lives in Christ's name. Amen.**

***Hymn "CJUC 60th Song"** (tune VU 421 Lead On, O Cloud of Presence, words by Brian Kai for Centennial United Church 100th anniversary, 1991, adapted for 2014) vs. 1,2

The church we call Centennial, the church we call our home. We celebrate year sixty, a church we call our own. Through years of Christian service & changes made us strong, God helped us through our struggles, God guided us in song.

The church is not a building, the church is not a house. But people who are willing, to give, to live with us. Compassion, strength, and friendship, we strive to do our best, For God, ourselves, our families, we work and then we rest.

A Time With the Children

Hymn "CJUC 60th Song" vs. 3

Our church is now evolving, traditions are a find.

A treasure to be cherished, a gift to humankind.

It's been a metamorphosis, it's been a wedding song,

New friends, new life, God's children, we sing a story strong.

(Young people leave for classes.)

Listening For God's Word

Epistle Reading Ephesians 3:14-21 read by Janice Cermak
(God's power and Christ's love are at work in our lives.)

Gospel Lesson John 14:15-21 read by Henry Ichiyen
(Jesus promises the Holy Spirit will be with us.)

Charter Members Speak

Tosh Usami

Sue Kai

Ted Shimizu (son of founding minister Rev. K. Shimizu, read by Brian Kai)

Recognition of Charter Members

For any Toronto Japanese United Church Nisei Congregation charter members in attendance today, please stand or raise your hand, so that we can recognize you.

The Hand Bells

Hand Bell Ringers
(members of the former Toronto Japanese United Church Issei Congregation)

Greetings

Rt. Rev. Gary Paterson (*Moderator, United Church of Canada, read by Michael Kitagawa*)

Rev. Stephen Willey (*former minister*)

Rev. Ken Matsugu (*former minister*)

Rev. Seiichi Ariga (*former minister*)

Rev. Min Takada (*former minister, read by Linda Fujita*)

Rev. Bill Bruce (*former minister, read by Linda Fujita*)

Rev. George Tomita (*former minister, read by Kaz Shikaze*)

Sue King-Darby (*diaconal minister, former director of Christian Education, read by Linda Sumiya*)

***Hymn** "Our God Goes with Us" (*words & music by David Kai, diaconal minister, former staff associate and member of CJUC, song commissioned for the move of CJUC from 701 Dovercourt to Lansing United Church, January 2006, explanation read by Brian Kai*)

**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**

**1. 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**

**2. The Spirit wept as hatred's flames were fanned,
As trains of tears streamed from the promised land,
In lonely mountain paths our God was found,
Faith, hope and love making ghost towns holy ground.**

**3. The Spirit urged, go forth and start anew,
Rebuild my church, a sanctuary true,
Welcomed by friends, their path entwined as one,
Stronger united with ev'ry rising sun.**

**4. 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.**

**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.**

Reflection "CJUC Celebrating 60" Rev. Cindy Cooper

Responding to God

Offering and Choir Anthem

"God, We Thank You for Our People" (*words by Ruth Duck, music by Ron Klusmeier, used with permission*)

God, we thank you for our people, roots dug deep within the soil, hardy spirits, rich in loving, strong for struggle, bold for toil. Faithful rock of generations, you whom parents' parents praised: Here in hope as we remember, may our song to you be raised.

Thank you God, for gentle pleasure: lessons learned & secrets told, hopes & mem'ries saved as treasure, passed to young ones by the old, pranks & glories, songs and stories, food by loving hands prepared. God, we bless you for your presence in our tears & laughter shared.

Still we must confess before you, sometimes Saviour we have failed; though we worship & adore you, sometimes love has not prevailed. Tempers racing, devil chasing, hearts estranged by ice or flame, you transform by ways forgiving. Grace amazing! Grace, your name!

By your Spirit of creation keep us bold for risking still, Eager in anticipation, ever strong to do your will. Bind us close to one another, sharing life and death and birth, Welcoming as sister, brother, all your children on the earth.

Dedication (541) "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
(traditional doxology for offering blessing)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures high and low;
Give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit One. Amen.**

***Pastoral Prayer** Max Clubine-Ito, Cassandra Watanabe
(written by the children and youth classes)

***Recessional Hymn (402)** "We Are One"

***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Choral Amen (298)** "When You Walk from Here"
**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
Walk with justice, walk with mercy
and with God's humble care. (repeat)**

Musical Postlude "Étude Allegro" Yoshinao Nakada

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Head Usher: Mickey Kaneko

Ushers: Ken Koyama, Mat Teranishi, Kate & Harry Nagata

Scripture Readers: Henry Ichiyen, Janice Cermak (*former member of Centennial United Church*)

In the fellowship hall on the lower level, please see the display of articles from years ago including photo books and newsletters. Complete newsletters as far back as 1991 as available at www.cjuc.org

Our special thanks to the CJUC 60th Anniversary planning team: Brian Kai, Howie Kagawa, Kaz Shikaze and Eiko Watanabe. Thank you for planning such a special service and delicious luncheon.

Welcome to the worship service with Oriole-York Mills and Centennial-Japanese United Churches. If you are visiting or here for the first time, please sign the guest book located at the entrance to the narthex. Everyone is invited to join for the special anniversary luncheon downstairs following the service.

Oriole-York Mills and Centennial-Japanese

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Prayers and Concerns – Please remember in your prayers Marianne Abe and Kay Oka – and all those who are in need of hope, comfort and healing.

A Memorial Service in memory of Ida Hall will be held on Sat. April 19th, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Hilda's Retirement Home. 2339 Dufferin Street. Ida passed away on January 31st at the age of 105.

Thanks to Grace Omoto for the beautiful Ikebana arrangement that graces our altar this morning. If you care to donate flowers for a Sunday worship service, in memoriam or

for a special occasion, please contact Kay Oiye, 416-755-6576, by Wednesday prior to a service.

CJUC and OYM folk, please feel free to contact Rev. Cindy anytime, at 416-536-7004 (church office), 905-838-4299 (home), 416-201-1479 (cell), email: ccooper@idirect.ca

Rev. Cindy will be on a study leave from Monday April 7th to April 9th at a course in New Market.

Hearing Assistance Devices – If you are having trouble hearing the service, we have hearing assistance devices. If you would like to try one, please speak to Andrew MacLean.

Audio CD of the Service: If you would like a copy, please speak to Andrew MacLean.

Sun. April 6th – 11:00 a.m. – 60th Anniversary Service in celebration of Centennial-Japanese United Church. Following the service we will join together for a luncheon and fellowship. Special thanks to all who helped with the lunch!

Sun. April 13th – 11:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday with the celebration of Holy Communion.
1:00 p.m.- Japanese language service.

1:00 p.m. - UCW General Meeting with coordinators Kay Oiye and Grace Omoto - "Sit Down Zumba" - details to follow.

Fri. April 18th – 11:00 a.m. – Good Friday Service. Come and remember the last day of Jesus' life. Light refreshments to follow.

Sun. April 20th – 11:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday. Come and celebrate: Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Wed. April 23rd – 7:00 p.m. – OYM Council Meeting in the narthex.

Thurs. April 24th – 2:00 p.m. – Worship Service at Momiji.
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun. April 27th – 11:00 a.m. – OYM's 52nd Anniversary with special guests The Metropolitan Silver Band.
1:00 p.m. – CJUC Council Meeting

Sun. May 4th – 11:00 a.m. – Worship Service
1:00 p.m. – Japanese Language Service

Congratulations to CJUC and OYM on your decision to amalgamate! Since the two congregations will become one new church, we will need a new name. If you have any suggestions for the new name, please write them on the piece of paper beside the white collection box in the narthex. Please place your suggestion in the "New Church Name" collection box by April 6th or email them to Linda Fujita by April 10th. lfujita@gmail.com. We will begin the voting process on April 13th as a start to narrowing down the name choice. You only need to put the name in the box once. Thank you.

Lenten Calendar Offering: This year our Lenten offering will go to support "Gifts with Vision" from the United Church. The projects we will be supporting are: providing food for a child for a school year in the Philippines (\$30.00), providing shoes for a homeless person in Ottawa (\$30.00), digging a well for a community in Nicaragua (\$150.00), buying a uniform and school supplies for a child in Haiti (\$45.00), and buying a goat for a community in Zimbabwe (\$30.00). Please pick up your calendar today and remember to bring back your offering on Easter Sunday. Calendars are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support!

New Elevator: We are pleased to announce that a new elevator will be installed in either May or June of 2014. This replacement is an upgrade to a self-automated elevator that can carry a number of people on each trip. The cost of the

elevator is \$70,000.00, which includes modifications to the existing hoist, installation and licensing. OYM has set aside \$35,000.00 for the project. The elevator will be a benefit to both congregations, so we are inviting anyone to make a special donation. A commemorative plaque will be placed outside the elevator listing the names of the donors. Donations may be made using envelopes or pledge cards found in the narthex, or include a gift in your offering envelope and mark it "Elevator."

You are also welcome to make donations in memory of a loved one. Donations will be received until April 13th. Thank you to all who have already donated and thank you for considering this important project. (A tax receipt will be issued by your church for a donation.)

STAMPS – We are collecting used postage stamps for The Leprosy Mission Canada. They prefer that the stamps be cut from the envelopes, leaving about a ¼ inch paper border. The stamps donated are sold by the Mission to dealers, and money raised is used to supply medicine, care and rehabilitation to people suffering from leprosy. The stamps can be left in the STAMP BOX in the church office or given to Marion Felker.

Food Bank – On the first and third Sundays of each month you are invited to bring non-perishable food for the Lansing Food Bank. They especially need items for infants, non-beef soup and canned black beans. Thank you for your support.

The Bridge Group meets the first Monday of the month in the narthex at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The choir practices Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to attend.

OYM's Prayer Supporters receive and hold concerns for others in daily prayer. **For a prayer request, public or confidential, please** call Barbara Marshall, @ 416-222-8265.

CJUC 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 friend or even yourself. Please call Noby Matsugu, 416-335-5387, or email her at nobymatsugu@gmail.com

Following the Earthquake in Chili on April 1st, the Toronto Chilean Association is collecting **new** winter coats, hats, mitts and sweat shirts for children. If you would like to support this project you are welcome to bring items to the church until Easter Sunday and place them in the library downstairs. Pedro will make sure they are delivered to the Association.

Friday April 18th at 7:30 p.m. – The Cantabile Chorale will perform a Lenten Cantata "A Time for Alleluia" on Good Friday at Thornhill United Church, 25 Elgin Street. A silent offering with proceeds to Hill House Hospice and Rose of Sharon Home. Information : 905 731 8318 or www.cantabile.ca

Hide Shimizu Memorial Scholarship - The purpose is to:

- promote academic development of Japanese Canadians
- enrich Japanese Canadian culture and community within the Canadian society
- provide financial assistance in the form of grants of \$1,000.00 each to two Japanese Canadian individuals furthering their studies in a post-secondary institution.

If you are interested, application forms can be downloaded from the Toronto NAJC website <http://www.torontonajc.ca/> Completed application forms and accompanying material must be received by **Thursday, June 26, 2014.**

Next Sunday, April 13, 2014

Head Usher: Mickey Kaneko

Ushers: Madeline & Jim Sakamoto, Marie & John Cruise

Scripture Reader: Peggy Widgery

