



# Eastminster United Church

July 15, 2012

Seventh after Pentecost

*"Do not think that saintliness comes from occupation; it depends rather on what one is. The kind of work we do does not make us holy, but we may make it holy." - Meister Eckhart*

## We Gather as God's People

Welcome and Life & Work of the Congregation

Prelude

Opening Hymn \* MV #156 Dance With the Spirit (vs. 1: **dance**, vs. 2: **sing**, vs. 3, **move**)

Call to Worship \*

One: We come with open hearts and questions, gratitude and grief.

**All: Hallelujah! God is good!**

One: We come to pause and celebrate, to reflect and to think.

**All: Hallelujah! God is good**

One: We hear God's word and feel the Spirit working;

**All: Hallelujah! God is good!**

Introit

Oh A Song Must Rise

Svenson

Scott Pietrangelo, *soloist*

Opening Prayer

**Give us, God, a little sun, a little happiness, and some work. Give us a heart to comfort those in pain. Give us the ability to be good, strong, wise, and free, so that we may be as generous with others as we are with ourselves. Amen.**

The Peace Shared

Hymn \*

MV #59 Alleluia, Praise to God (3x)

*The children are invited to come forward during the third singing.*

Children's Time

Dancing King

*The children are invited to Church School.*

## We Listen for the Word of Hope

Hebrew Scripture 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

*Commentary: King David's dancing displeases his wife because she doesn't think he is acting like a king should. David's behavior redefines how a king should act. How do the roles in your life dictate your behavior?*

Greek Scripture: Mark 6:14-29

*Commentary: The death of John the Baptist foreshadows the journey of Jesus and follows the story of the rejection of Jesus in his hometown.*

One: The Word of Hope.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Impressive

Rev. Sarah Bourcier-Miller

Anthem **Learn to Live With What You Are**  
Scott Pietrangelo, *soloist*

Folds

## We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to the Offering

Hymn VU #701 What Does the Lord Require of You  
*Please stand in body or in spirit for the presentation of the offering.*

Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (VU #959)

*Prayer Requests: Joy, June and Denny, Max, Jennifer and Alastair, Cheryl and family, Margaret, Willard, Donna, Margaret, Linda, Mabel, Calista, Kate, Eileen, Phyllis, Stella*

## We Go Out to Be the People of God

Closing Hymn\* VU p. 884 You Shall Go Out With Joy

Commissioning and Benediction\*

Sung Benediction\* MV #224 May the God of Peace

Postlude

\* *indicates to please stand in body or in spirit*

## Announcements

### Going away on Vacation??

Eastminster needs your financial support even while you're away! By signing up for PAR (Pre-authorized remittance), you're committing to automatic givings that go directly to Eastminster or the work of your wider church (Mission & Service). Sign up is easy visit: ([www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca)) or ask your PAR representative, Melodie Mui at ([mmui@united-church.ca](mailto:mmui@united-church.ca)) for the form.

### We're looking for Volunteers!

Coffee, tea, juice and cookies are a much enjoyed element of service at Eastminster, both by new folks just joining, guests and also our regulars.

Hosting the coffee hour is one of the most gracious ways to serve on Sundays. We're looking for volunteers who would like to assist with this, and it would be most appreciated if you would send an email response to Paul Childerhose at: ([paul.childerhose@gmail.com](mailto:paul.childerhose@gmail.com))

With all the responses received, a list of "available" Sunday coffee hosts and hostesses will be prepared that can be maintained in the church office. You should anticipate being asked to serve a few times per year.

### Upcoming

Mark your calendars for Sunday September 9 at 10:30am for the third annual **Blessing of the Backpacks and Church School Kick-off Sunday!**

### Our Staff

Michelle Suzanne, *soprano soloist*  
Joy Klopp, *alto soloist*  
Scott Pietrangelo, *tenor soloist*  
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