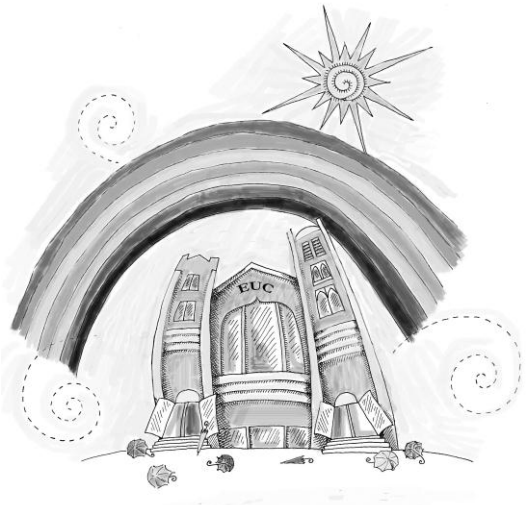

Eastminster United Church

July 29, 2012

Ninth after Pentecost

"Patience is not waiting passively until someone else does something. Patience asks us to live the moment to the fullest, to be completely present to the moment, to taste the here and now, to be where we are. When we are impatient, we try to get away from where we are. We behave as if the real thing will happen tomorrow, later, and somewhere else. Let's be patient and trust that the treasure we look for is hidden in the ground on which we stand." - Henri Nouwen

We Gather as God's People

Welcome and Life & Work of the Congregation

Prelude

Opening Hymn* MV #182 Grateful

Call to Worship *

One: We did not create this day ourselves
All: This day is a gift!
One: We did not create this world ourselves
All: This world is a gift!
One: Our worship springs forth out of wonder and thanksgiving
All: Let us praise our God, the source of all gifts

Introit I am the Bread of Life Kacemarek
Michelle Suzanne, *soloist*

Opening Prayer
Spirit, Wind of Change, you are present here in this place and you blow through the whole world. You offer springs of moving water, which reshape the clay of our hearts, our lives, and our communities. O God, open our hearts this day to feel your nudging and your call towards abundant life for all. Let the winds of change blow us ever closer to you. 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
The children are invited to Church School.

We Listen for the Word of Hope

Hebrew Scripture 2Kings 4:42-44

Commentary: The prophet Elisha demonstrates his trust that God will provide when he is brought a prophet's tithe and shares it with the poor.

Greek Scripture: John 6:1-21

Commentary: Jesus is followed by crowds who have seen the signs he has performed and the people he has healed. In both these stories, Jesus is followed by those who are hungry and afraid. It remains true today.

One: The Word of Hope.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Hunger and Fear Rev. Sarah Bourcier-Miller

Anthem There is Only Love Gott
Michelle Suzanne, *soloist*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to the Offering

Hymn VU #501 Break Now the Bread of Life
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, Anne, Ron and family, Austin and Pam, Timothy

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Closing Hymn* VU #355 For the Crowd of Thousands

Commissioning and Benediction*

Sung Benediction* MV #224 May the God of Peace

Postlude

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

Announcements

Sarah will be on vacation until **September 1**. Please contact **Sheryl Johnson** if you would like a pastoral visit.

Confirmation will be offered for those in grades 7 and up beginning in September. Please let Sarah know if you are interested.

Our next **Baptism** service will be on **September 16**. Please speak to Sheryl for more information.

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)*** or ask your PAR representative, Melodie Mui at ***(mmui@united-church.ca)*** for the form.

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!**

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