



Eastminster United Church

January 18, 2015

Second after Epiphany Communion

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"All attack is a call for help. When you know this, you begin at once to look deeply into the question of what kind of help is being called for." - Neale Donald Walsch

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn VU# 509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle as a sign of hope.

All: **This light shines for all who long for peace and justice.**

Opening Prayer

Holy One, Creator of the universe, through the wisdom of the ages and our connection with one another, you teach us to be holy; through our pain and reconciliation, you teach us to be forgiving. In community and as individuals, you are with us as we wrestle with decisions, ask questions and seek transformation in our lives and our world. With open minds and hearts we give you thanks. Amen.

*Exchanging the Peace

Life and Work of the Congregation

We Listen for the Word of Hope

Hebrew Scripture	1 Samuel 3:1-20	Susan Wakefield
Greek Scripture	John 1:43-51	
Meditation	Called to Question	Rev. Sarah Miller
Anthem	Companions in the Way	Andrew Donaldson

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: MV# 10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.

Dedication Prayer

We Celebrate Holy Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Maya Brathwaite

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift our hearts in prayer.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Sung Responses:

Iona Community

Holy, holy,

holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven, earth,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed, blessed,

is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest.

Breaking, Pouring, Sharing

All are invited to come forward to receive Communion by dipping the bread in the cup.

Communion Hymn MV#202 Bread for the Journey

Welcome Table

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, hallelujah!

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table,

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days!

I'm gonna eat with my sisters and brothers...

We're gonna feast on milk and honey...

Here all the world will find a welcome...

Prayer Following Communion

Blessed Creator, we give thanks for these gifts of the Earth that become sacred symbols of oneness and brokenness, life energies and love poured out. By these communal actions, strengthen our faith and our resolve to seek justice. May all we seek be of goodness and compassion, multiplied by your love. Amen.

We Go Out to Be the People of God

*Closing Hymn VU# 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing Come Walk with Us, the Journey is Long South African trad; arr. Anders Nyberg

Come walk with us, the journey is long.

You are holy, you show us the way.

Postlude

Today

~ **TODAYS SCRIPTURES:** 1 Samuel 3:1-20 p. 247 John 1:43-51 p. 92

~ REMINDER ~

2014 ANNUAL REPORTS - COMMITTEE CHAIRS

2014 ANNUAL REPORT write ups are due into the office by ***Friday, January 23rd*** please.

Announcements

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

Our theme for January and February is Called and Gifted, exploring how we discern and share our skills and talents in different areas of life. On January 25 we hear stories of the challenges of discipleship as we explore Jonah's call and the beginning journeys of the disciples. On February 8 our own Maya Brathwaite will preach.

~ A THANK YOU!

"The Toronto Christian Resource Centre thanks the members and teens of Eastminster United Church for your White Gift donations. Your support and generosity has given hope and joy to those in the Regent Park community and is a true blessing during these cold winter months. God bless."

~ Also... A THANK YOU FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE:

The Neighbourhood Centre and Claire Barcik wish to extend a special thank you to the Eastminster community for your tremendously generous support of our Holiday Hampers program this year. We were overwhelmed by the number of Eastminster families and individuals who responded to our request for assistance through financial donations, volunteering, adopting families, and involving their family members, colleagues, friends and even students in toy and food drives. It truly warmed the hearts of staff, volunteers and our families in need. As a result of the community outpouring, we surpassed our goal and provided bountiful holiday hampers with boxes of food and beautifully wrapped gifts to 89 families (167 children; 300 people in total) and another 15 families (45 children) received gifts at a holiday party. **Well done Eastminster!**

~ UNITED CHURCH SUMMER CAMPS: - Register Now!

Residential programs near Toronto and across Canada at a much lower cost than YMCA or private camps. Starting at age 6 for 4 nights right up to mature teen programs for a week to a month. Ontario High School Credits on LIT and Outdoor Skills Programs. Open to all: so bring a friend. *United Church Camps are caring, diverse and inclusive camps that provide quality camping and outdoor education experiences for children, teens and families.* Camp locations/websites at:

http://www.united-church.ca/contact/camps . Call/email a EUC parent for insight on UC camps including ***www.SparrowLakeCamp.com***. Carolyn Curren 416 465 6174 or ***info@neilandcarolyn.com***

Up Coming at Eastminster

~ Wed. January 21 from 7.30-9.30pm: EUC FOLKS!

Runs every *second Wednesday*; meet in the Auditorium. For Folk music players, singers and lovers: If you, or someone you know, plays guitar, harmonica or other instruments... and wants to join in these informal sessions...please get in touch with us at: Alan Munn ***lamunn@pathcom.com*** (H) 416-463-3834 (C) 416-352-8617 or Neil Riach (C) 416-464-8400 ***info@neilandcarolyn.com***.

~ Fri. January 23 at 7 pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB

Book: OUTLANDER by *Diana Gabaldon*, Moderated by: Neil Riach.

New members welcome! Come out for a lively discussion by the fire. Meeting just prior to Robbie Burns Day, wear your tartans and kilts if you have them. Followed by the 9 pm Social time. **Location:** At the home of Neil Riach & Carolyn Curren (1 block from EUC). For more info contact: John Brown at 416-463-0844 or Carolyn Curren at 416-465-6174 or email: info@neilandcarolyn.com

~ Sun. January 25 from 3-5pm: BRING MANY VOICES!

Christmas is over, what's next? On Sunday, January 25 our choir will be joining choirs from four other east end congregations (Cosburn, Kimbourne Park, Presteign-Woodbine and Glen Rhodes United Churches) in a joint celebration of our covenanting relationship. We're advertising it as "Bring Many Voices", a celebration of the music of our faith. Bring your voice too. Held at Glen Rhodes United Church, 1470 Gerrard Street East just west of Coxwell Ave.

~ Sun. February 8 from 2-4pm: EASTMINSTER SKATES: SKATING PARTY AT GREENWOOD PARK

Bring your skates and join Eastminster families for a skating party at Greenwood Park (Dundas & Greenwood – lots of street parking). Meet at the party room for a skate, some hot chocolate and snacks, and lots of outdoor fun! All are welcome. Please bring a snack to share (popcorn, chips, veggies, fruit, etc.) For details, contact Claire Barcik at cbarcik@yahoo.com.

~ Sun. March 1: EASTMINSTERS ANNUAL MEETING: Please mark your calendars and plan to stay after the service for our Annual Meeting.

~ CONGRATULATION'S TO RON MCKAY!

Ron McKay's Karate Dojo - Silver Spirit Karate Club - was one of blogTO's year-end picks for the top karate schools and classes in Toronto. Visit www.silverspirit.ca to find a link to the blogTO list, as well as other glowing testimonials by students and parents.

~ SAVE THIS DATE!

Tues. February 3 from 7.30-9.30pm:

Join DJC and our multi-faith partners for this *adults only* educational event!

(RSVP's will be necessary due to limited space).

More details to come shortly.



Celebrate Spring
in the dead of winter at the:

DJC Tu B'Shvat Seder
Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 7:30-9:30 pm
Join the DJC and our multi-faith partners to celebrate the New Year of the Trees with an ecological, poetic and mystical feast!

Danforth Jewish Circle @ Eastminster United Church
310 Danforth Avenue

Out in the Community

~ **Tues. January 20 at 6:00pm: ACTING ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

Creation Matters @ Redeemer (Avenue Road & Bloor Street) invites you to a conversation about climate change action. Diane Meredith from Bathurst Street United & 2 colleagues will share their insights from attendance at the People's Climate Change March & the Interfaith Climate Summit last fall. A light supper will be served at 6:00 for a small donation. The presentation will start at 7:00. Please register at www.theredeemer.ca.

FROM GREENING SACRED SPACES

Mon. February 2 from 8:30-10:30am

"EXTREME WEATHER IMPACTS FOR TORONTO & BUILDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT"

(At: Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen St. W.)

David MacLeod, Senior Environmental Specialist, Environment and Energy Division, City of Toronto will talk about what impacts Toronto can expect during the next extreme weather event and the role that faith communities might play.

Jeff Noel, Divisional Director, Emergency Disaster Services, Salvation Army (Ontario Central East), will talk about community partners and how we can work together to deal with an emergency.

Free Registration at: **Feb 2 Faith Community Resilience Hubs Workshop** or visit:

<http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/faith-community-resilience-hubs-extreme-weather-impacts-for-toronto-building-community-engagement-tickets-15179253556?aff=ehomesaved>

For information, contact Donna Lang at: dlang@faith-commongood.net

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office
Tuesdays:	8:00am	EUC Walks! – meet at Timothy's - Contact: John Brown 416-463-0844 /elandjohn@rogers.com
Thursdays:	6:00 - 6:45pm	Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour
	7:30 - 9.30pm	Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

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Musicians

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Andrew Hodwitz, *bass soloist*
Jeff Schissler, *tenor soloist*
Joy Klopp, *alto soloist*

Custodians

Robert Covert
Jessica Aguiar
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