

# Eastminster United Church

## January 25, 2015

### Third after Epiphany

*\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*



*"In our chatty world, in which the word has lost its power to communicate, silence helps us to keep our mind and heart anchored in the future world and allows us to speak from there a creative and recreative word to the present world." -Henri J.M. Nouwen*

#### **We Gather as God's People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Judith Ramsay

*\*Opening Hymn* VU# 569 You Call Us Out

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

**God, you call to us today and your call reaches within each of us. Some of us bring questions, some bring excitement and anticipation. For some of us you stir up challenge, for others you bring hope. For all the ways we experience your call to us, we give thanks. Amen.**

*\*Exchanging the Peace*

Children's Time

Won't Go to Nineveh

Will Soll

**Chorus: I won't go to Nineveh, won't go to Nineveh  
Go get somebody else if you can;  
God knows I'm not a Nineveh man.**

Life and Work of the Congregation

#### **We Listen for the Word of Hope**

Hebrew Scripture

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Elaine Dalziel

Greek Scripture

Mark 1:14-20

Meditation

Called...or else!

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

Gotta Serve Somebody

Bob Dylan

## We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: VU# 563 Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

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

Dedication Prayer

Minute for Mission: Inter-Presbytery Partners

Pam Cameron

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

Mary Miller

## We Go Out to Be the People of God

\*Closing Hymn On Galilean Paths (stanza 1: choir; stanzas 2-3: all) Mel Bringle

1. On Gal - i - le - an paths, close wind - ing by the sea, Christ  
2. In par - a - bles of grace he op - ened wide their eyes to  
3. Through vil - lag - es and towns, he jour - neyed with his friends, and

Je - sus called to com - mon folk: "Come, fol - low me!" A\_\_  
shep - herds and Sa - mar - i - tans in God's dis - guise. A\_\_  
spoke of God's a - maz - ing love which nev - er ends. To\_\_

quest - ing, ea - ger crowd drew \_\_ 'round him \_\_ on a hill. \_\_ He  
wom - an bak - ing bread kneads yeast \_\_ in - to her flour. \_\_ God's  
wor - ship God a - lone, to \_\_ serve \_\_ both \_\_ friend and foe, \_\_ will

taught in bold be - at - i - tudes: and \_\_ teach - es still.  
reign breaks forth up - on the \_\_ earth with \_\_ leav - 'ning pow'r.  
help God's will for heav'n be \_\_ done on \_\_ earth be - low.

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\*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

## ~ Scriptures ~

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 p. 860 Mark 1:14-20 p. 35

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### **TODAY!! 3-5pm: BRING MANY VOICES!**

This afternoon 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.

**\*\* Sue will be away on vacation from Jan 27 and back to work on Feb 10.**

Please ensure all announcements for eblasts and bulletins are in the office and CC'd to Rev. Sarah by 9am Wednesdays as someone else will be adding them in .... thank you! \*\*

## 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. We begin Lent February 22 with A Lenten Festival of Afro-Spiritual Music. We will continue our journey through Lent focusing of forgiveness and reconciliation.

February 1	Discerning Gifts	Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Mark 1:21-28
February 8	Making Space for New Callings	Mark 1:29-39, 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
February 15	Transfiguration Sunday: Using our Senses in Worship	
February 22	First Sunday of Lent: Festival of Afro-Spiritual Music	

### ~ Sunday February 8: SOUND OPERATORS TRAINING

For one hour after morning worship service led by David Kopulos. Sandwiches will be provided. Please speak to Susan Bower, [slbower@bell.net](mailto:slbower@bell.net) or Hilary Donaldson, [music.eastminster@bellnet.ca](mailto:music.eastminster@bellnet.ca) to RSVP. Our roster of 5-6 sound operators is an important volunteer opportunity to help make Sunday mornings run smoothly. If you've never operated a sound system you can still learn and be a part of the rotating team.

~ **DON'T BE SHY...** We are always welcoming congregants to take a part in our worship service. Lay leadership roles include: greeters, ushers for communion and offering collection, scripture readers, communion preparation (including gluten free bread baking), telling a children's story, composing and leading prayers of the people or sharing a faith story. Please consider this as your invitation to participate. Simply let Susan Bower, Chair of Worship, [slbower@bell.net](mailto:slbower@bell.net), or Rev. Sarah Miller know of your interest. Or use the signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

~ **SOUP JARS NEEDED...** If you have any large clean glass jars: (Perfect size would be 750 ml - 1 L) Mason jars, commercial soup jars, pickle jars, condiment jars etc. with tight fitting lids that you no longer need/want, please save them and contact Lee at [leeperry@bellnet.ca](mailto:leeperry@bellnet.ca) .... She is collecting them for soup!..

Mmm

## Up Coming at Eastminster

~ **Tues. February 3 from 7:30-9:30pm: CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH OUR FRIENDS!**

Members of Eastminster are invited to join our hosts the Danforth Jewish Circle for their Tu B'Shvat Seder to be held in the Auditorium on Tuesday, February 3 from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Please join with our multi-faith partners in this celebration of the New Year of Trees. It will be an *adult-focussed* evening of worship and learning as Rabbi Miriam Margles will explain the aspects of the service. There will be limited room at the table so EUC will be restricted to 30 participants. **Please RSVP by Friday, January 30th** to Bruce Chown at 647-343-4370 or [brucechown@rogers.com](mailto:brucechown@rogers.com).



~ **Wed. February 4 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](mailto:lamunn@pathcom.com) (H) 416-463-3834 (C) 416-352-8617 or Neil Riach (C) 416-464-8400 [info@neilandcarolyn.com](mailto:info@neilandcarolyn.com).

~ **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](mailto:cbarcik@yahoo.com).

~ **Sun. February 22: SONGS OF LOVE**  
**The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada** is an organization which promotes singing, education, and research in diverse aspects of Christian song. Eastminster will host the February meeting of the society's active Southern Ontario chapter (SOCHS). Come and enjoy hot chocolate and hymns of love on a chilly February afternoon – more details at [www.sochs.org](http://www.sochs.org)

A poster for the Songs of Love Hymn Society event. The top left features the Eastminster United Church logo with a rainbow. The text reads: "Songs of Love The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada Southern Ontario Chapter www.sochs.org". Below this is a blue banner with the quote "Lost in wonder, love and praise." in white cursive. Underneath, it says: "Join us for some Singing on the theme of love (divine and not so much), Hot drinks, and Chocolate to warm the chill of a Southern Ontario winter." The event details are: "Sunday February 22, 2015, 3:00-4:30pm with refreshments at 2:30 at Eastminster United Church, Toronto (Danforth near Chester Stn). There is no charge for this event, co-sponsored by Eastminster UC." At the bottom, it says: "Further information at [info@sochs.org](mailto:info@sochs.org) or (416) 342-6034."

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

**~ 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](http://www.SparrowLakeCamp.com). Carolyn Curren 416 465 6174 or [info@neilandcarolyn.com](mailto:info@neilandcarolyn.com)

## Out in the Community

### 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](mailto:dlang@faith-commongood.net)

## Weekly Events

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

## Our Staff

**Rev. Sarah Miller**    [sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca](mailto:sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca)    Office: 416-463-2179 ex. 100    Cell: 416-209-1181

**Sarah's Office Hours** this week: Tuesday 9:30am-11:30am and Thursday 12:30pm-2:30pm, other times by appointment.

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**Scott Pietrangelo**, Music Leader

## Musicians

Michelle Suzanne, *soprano soloist*

Andrew Hodwitz, *bass soloist*

Jeff Schissler, *tenor soloist*

Joy Klopp, *alto soloist*

## Custodians

Robert Covert

Jessica Aguiar

Alison LeGrow

Joseph Telford

Joshua Somers

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# East End United Churches Present Joint Choir Performance

MAKING  
JOYFUL  
NOISE



## SUN. JAN 25

## 3 – 5 PM

### Glen Rhodes United Church

### 1470 Gerrard St E (west of Coxwell)

In support of Glen Rhodes Food Bank

Please bring a non-perishable food item