



Eastminster United Church
February 15, 2015
Sixth after Epiphany
Transfiguration Sunday
Sensory Sunday

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"I hear and I forget; I see and I remember; I do and I understand."- Chinese Proverb

We Gather as God's People

Prelude As I went down to the river American folk song

Words of Welcome Elaine Dalziel

*Opening Hymn MV#173 Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

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

Breath of God, we give you thanks for the ways we come to know you and to know the world around us. We give thanks for the things we see: smiles on one another's faces, the colours of a sunrise. We thank you for the smells that evoke memories: rain in the air, lake water, dinner cooking. We are grateful for touch through shaking hands, hugs, patting a cat.

We thank you for the things we taste; the first sip of coffee in the morning, fresh berries warmed by the sun. And finally, for all that we hear, for the sounds of laughter, music, words of encouragement, we give thanks! Amen.

*Exchanging the Peace

Indroit Lift Every Voice and Sing Words: James Weldon Johnson
Music: J. Rosamond Johnson

We Listen for the Word of Hope

Greek Scripture Mark 9:2-9

Worship Stations Using our Senses in Worship

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV# 81 Love Us Into Fullness

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

Dedication Prayer

Life and Work of the Congregation

We Go Out to Be the People of God

*Closing Hymn VU# 701 What does the Lord Require of You

*Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Hamba nathi mkululu wethu

Come walk with us, the journey is long.

You are holy, you show us the way.

Postlude The Lord bless you and keep you

Lutkin

Today

~ Scripture ~

Mark 9:2-9 p. 44

Announcements

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

For the season of Lent, we will focus on the theme of **Forgiveness and Reconciliation**. Our scriptures and the texts of other Holy Books speak of sin, punishment and forgiveness. We confess our sins, debts or trespasses as we sing or say the Lord's Prayer, but progressive churches often shy away from speaking of sin and forgiveness. Join us for a deeper look at the practice of confession and forgiveness as we journey through Lent together.

February 22 Mark 1:9-15 First Sunday of Lent: Festival of Afro-Spiritual Music

March 1 Mark 8: 31-38 Building Together

March 8 Catharine Saxberg preaching

March 15 Luke 15: 11-32

March 22 Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12

~ WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE FOR OUR OUT OF THE COLD GUESTS

The Eastminster Youth Group is holding Winter Clothing Drive for our Out Of The Cold guests. If you have any gently used adult winter clothing, particularly adult men's clothing, please bring it in and drop it in the bins - things like coats, boots, mittens, scarves, hats, pants, shirts or long johns. There is also a need for gently used bath towels and full aprons. There are 2 bins in the Church - one at the back of the sanctuary and one at the Jackman Street entrance. Thank you for helping to keep our guests' stay a little bit warmer this winter!

~ **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, or Rev. Sarah Miller know of your interest. Or use the signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

Upcoming at Eastminster

~ Tue. February 17 from 6-7pm: SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Spread the word! We'll be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with fun for children and grownups (not to mention delicious pancakes!) The supper is open to all, it's PWYC, and afterwards, you're invited to join us for a brief **SERVICE OF ASHES** for the beginning of the season of Lent.

~ Wed. February 18 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 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. Contact 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. February 20 at 7 pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB

Book: **STILL ALICE** by **Lisa Genova**, Moderated by: Jennifer Allen.

Act fast! Buy your book for \$7.85 from Carolyn (Prices higher at stores). Note: No library copies available this month as it's a very popular book. You must buy at your favourite book store, online or from Carolyn. New members welcome! Come out for a lively discussion by the fire, followed by the 9 pm Social Wine and Cheese. **Location:** At the home of Neil Riach & Carolyn Curren (1 block from EUC).

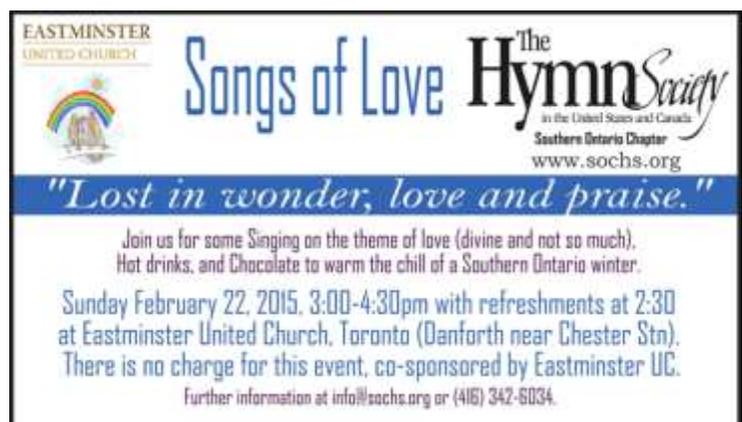
For more info contact: Carolyn Curren at 416-465-6174 or email: info@neilandcarolyn.com

~ Sun. February 22: POTLUCK LUNCH following the service.

Bring something to share and plan to stay for lunch! Please speak to Mary Gerritsma or email her at: mgerritsma@sympatico.ca if you can help out.

~ 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



EASTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

Songs of Love **The Hymn Society**
in the United States and Canada
Southern Ontario Chapter
www.sochs.org

"Lost in wonder, love and praise."

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.

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.
Further information at info@sochs.org or (416) 342-6034.

~ Sun. March 1: EASTMINSTER'S ANNUAL MEETING & POTLUCK LUNCH

Please mark your calendars and plan to stay after the service for our Annual Meeting. Childcare provided. Please bring something for our **Potluck Lunch following the meeting.**

Out in the Community

~ **FREEDOM CITY: Uncovering Toronto's Black History**; Toronto Public Library is pleased to announce this new exhibition that celebrates the early black citizens of Toronto. Through original paintings, drawings, photographs, manuscripts and broadsides, *Freedom City* covers the history of black Toronto – from the days of early settlement to the end of the 19th century. The exhibit has been enhanced by the research and contributions of prominent Canadian historians and authors [Karolyn Smardz Frost](#) and [Afua Cooper](#). January 31 to March 29, 2015 at the TD Gallery, Toronto Reference Library, 789 Yonge Street – Main Level. *Freedom City* is part of a larger series of Black History Month programs and events held at library branches throughout the city. Info at:

http://torontopubliclibrary.typepad.com/news_releases/2015/01/new-exhibition-at-the-td-gallery-in-toronto-reference-library-uncovers-torontos-black-history.html?utm_source=What%27s+On+at+the+Library&utm_campaign=Issue+91+-+February+2%2C+2015&utm_medium=email

~ **Sat. February 14 12:30pm: 10TH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY CEREMONY**

For Murdered and Missing Aboriginal Women, in front of Police Headquarters, 40 College Street. Info at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/703866506400035/>

~ **Sat. February 14 or Sat. March 14 from 5-10pm: FREE GAMES NIGHT!**

Like playing Games? **Kimbourne Park United Church** (200 Wolverleigh Blvd. 2 Blocks North of Danforth, between Coxwell Ave. & Woodington Ave.) hosts a Games Night on the Second Saturday of every month in the basement of the church hall (use the wheelchair ramp at the front of the church). Games Night is fun, friendly and **FREE!** Bring your favourite board, strategy or card game or join someone else's. Feel free to bring snacks to share or purchase pizza & pop or juice for just a Toonie! Why not grab a friend and come down, have fun and meet some new people too!

~ **Mon. February 16: UCC INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN ONLINE LENTEN STUDY**

Based on the new United Church Lenten book, **LONGING FOR HOME**, the online study will look at themes of displacement and up rootedness, and go further to explore ways food, culture, and faith, can help ground us in God. This Facebook-based Lenten study will feature video reflections on the lectionary with Moderator Gary Paterson and hosted conversations with a variety of United Church leaders. The video reflections and other resources will also be available to download for offline "face-to-face" small group discussions. *The study starts the Monday before Ash Wednesday.* Join the **Longing for Home Facebook group** here!

~ **Mon. February 23 from 12-1pm and running weekly: IMAGES, IDOLS AND ICONS**

St. Barnabas on the Danforth (361 Danforth Ave. at Chester Ave.) presents *Images, Idols and Icons* an exploration in the evolution and devolution of sacred art. Meet in the Study, all are welcome.

~ **Wed. evenings from 7:30-9:00pm: THE JESUIT GUIDE TO ALMOST EVERYTHING: A Spirituality for Real Life.** 5 Toronto Anglican Churches are hosting a discussion series based on this New York Times bestseller. Discussions explore the four elements of Ignatian spirituality: Finding God in all things, becoming a contemplative in action, looking at the world in an incarnational way, and seeking freedom and detachment. Dates and locations for this 5 week series are:

Feb. 25 – St. Barnabas, 361 Danforth Ave. / **Mar. 4** – St. John the Baptist Norway, 470 Woodbine Ave.

Mar. 11 – St. Luke, 904 Coxwell Ave. / **Mar. 18** – St. Saviour, 43 Kimberley Ave. / **Mar. 25** - St. David & St. Andrew, 49 Donlands Ave.

~ Mon. March 2 at 7pm: CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION & ADAPTATION

The City's Parks and Environment Committee recently established a Subcommittee on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption. The Subcommittee's Chair, Councillor Gord Perks, is inviting all interested Toronto residents, groups and businesses to attend their first meeting to be held on **Monday, March 2, 2015**. At this first meeting, the Subcommittee will be discussing their goals and objectives and are seeking the public's input. (see poster below for contact info.)

~ Fri. March 6 at 2pm: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The host country for this service is - The Bahamas. The theme is: *Jesus Said, "Do You Understand What I Have Done For You"* Location: **St John Presbyterian Church**, 415 Broadview Ave. (at Simpson)

~ Church & Community Events : Please remember to check our notice boards for other Church's activities and also Community Events happening here at Eastminster.

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays:	6:00 - 6:45pm	Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour
	7:30 - 9.30pm	Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

Our Staff

Rev. Sarah Miller sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca Office: 416-463-2179 ex. 100 Cell: 416-209-1181

*** Sarah's Office Hours for this week: Tues. 9:30-11:30am, Thurs. 9:30-11am, other times by apt.***

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Hilary Donaldson, Pastoral Musician music.eastminster@bellnet.ca

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

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015
at 6 p.m.**

Come for a

Pancake Supper



Pay what you can!

Eastminster United Church
310 Danforth Avenue
eastminsteruc.org

Toronto's Subcommittee on Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Needs Your Help

We want to hear your ideas, concerns and goals to help establish the direction for the City's newest Subcommittee.

Toronto residents and businesses are invited to attend the first meeting:

**Monday, March 2, 7:00 p.m.
Toronto City Hall, Council Chambers
100 Queen St. West**

For information on how to submit a written comment or deliver a deputation in person, please visit: livegreentoronto.ca or contact Carol Kaustinen at pec@toronto.ca or by telephone at 416-338-5089

