



Eastminster United Church  
 February 22, 2015  
 First Sunday of Lent

A Celebration of  
 Afro-Spiritual Music

\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"Love takes off the masks we fear we cannot live without  
 and know we cannot live within." -James Baldwin*

**We Gather as God's People**

Prelude	I Love the Lord	Richard Smallwood
Words of Welcome		William Anum
*Opening Hymn	Lift Every Voice and Sing	James Weldon Johnson & J. Rosamond Johnson

1.Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the  
 2.God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the  
 brought us this far on the way; you who have by your might, led us in -

lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the rill - ing sea.  
 to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the path we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, sing a  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we meet you, lest our

song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing  
 hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get you; shadowed be - neath your

sun of our new day be - gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

*We light a candle for each of the Sundays in Lent. At the end of the service we extinguish one candle remembering the things we give up or let go of on our Lenten journey.*

Opening Prayer

**Holy God, you are the source of all comfort. You teach us how to forgive our neighbour and how to forgive ourselves. Guide us with your calm and still voice as we tread through the wilderness, not knowing when next we will feel the assurance of your nurturing Spirit. Hear our song as we give thanks for your unfathomable, unmerited love. Amen.**

The Peace Shared

Children's Time                      This Little Light of Mine                      arr. N. Williams, Jr.

*The children are invited to Church School after the Children's Time.*

**We Share in Word and Song**

Greek Scripture:                      Mark 1: 9-15                      Adele Thomson

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

Meditation                      Dry Patches                      Maya Brathwaite

Hymn                      MV#118 Me Alone

\*Hymn                      VU#144 Were You There  
*Please be seated*

Hymn                      VU#612 There Is a Balm in Gilead

Anthem                      I Want Jesus to Walk with Me                      African-American Spiritual,  
arr. Nolan Williams, Jr

**We respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Life and Work of the Congregation

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn:    VU#577 I've Got Peace Like a River

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

\*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (sung VU #960)

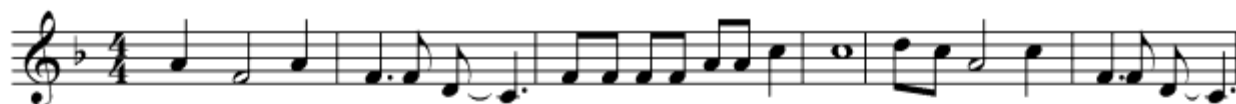
Ron Leprohon & Winston Roach

## We Go Out to Be the People of God

\*Closing Hymn

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

trad. Afro-Spiritual

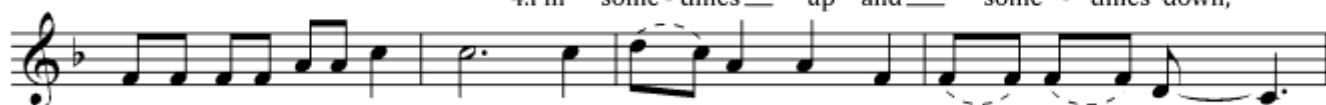


Swing low, sweet char-i - ot, \_\_\_ coming for to carry me home. Sing low, sweet chari - iot, \_\_\_



coming for to carry me home. *Fine*

1. I looked o - ver Jord - dan, and what did i see?  
 2. If you get \_\_\_ there be - fore \_\_\_ I do, \_\_\_  
 3. The bright - est \_\_\_ day that \_\_\_ ev - er I saw  
 4. I'm some - times \_\_\_ up and \_\_\_ some - times down,



Coming for to carry me home. A band of an - gels com - ing af - ter me,  
 Tell all \_\_\_ my friends I'm com - ing there \_\_\_ too, \_\_\_  
 When Je - sus washed my sins \_\_\_ a \_\_\_ way,  
 But still \_\_\_ my soul feels heav en ly \_\_\_ bound,



Coming for to carry me home.

\*Blessing & Sending Forth

\*Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

\*Sung Benediction

God Be With You

Jeremiah E. Rankin

arr. William G. Tomer



God \_\_\_ be with you, \_\_\_ God \_\_\_ be with you, \_\_\_ God \_\_\_ be



with you, \_\_\_ un til we meet \_\_\_ a - gain; \_\_\_ God \_\_\_ be with you, \_\_\_



God \_\_\_ be with you, \_\_\_ God \_\_\_ be with you, \_\_\_ un til we meet a - gain.

Postlude

Linstead Market

trad. Jamaican Folk

# Today

**Scripture :** Mark 1:9-15 p. 34

~ **Special thanks** to our guest drummer **Richard "Popcorn" Cumberbatch** for sharing the gift of music with us today.

~ **Potluck Lunch:** Join us following the service

~ **Lenten Study at Glen Rhodes United:** "Unsettling Goods," the United Church study of Israeli factories erected on illegally occupied territories of Palestine, and how Canadians might respond. Three Sundays after church: **February 22**, March 8 and 22, noon - 1:15. On March 22 we will be joined by George Bartlett of Bloor Street UC, recently returned from a fact-finding tour of Israel and Palestine. Leader: Rev. Robin Wardlaw. 1470 Gerrard, one block west of Coxwell. Use Rhodes Avenue door (with ramp) to access Barbara Christie Room. On street parking and a Green P lot immediately south of Gerrard between Rhodes and Craven. Contact: 416-465-3755.

## ~ **Songs Of Love - 3pm**

The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada is an organization which promotes singing, education, and research of Christian song. Eastminster is hosting today's meeting of the Southern Ontario Chapter so come out and enjoy hot chocolate and hymns of love on a chilly February afternoon!

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## Announcements

\* **Sarah's Office Hours for Next Week:** Tues. 9:30-11:30 & Thurs. 12:30-2:30 Other times by appt.\*

## ~ **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.

March 1	Mark 8: 31-38	Building Together
March 8	John 2:13-22 and Psalm 19	Catharine Saxberg preaching
March 15	Luke 15: 11-32	Prodigal Forgiveness
March 22	Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12	Reconciled Hearts
March 29	Palm Passion Sunday	

## ~ **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](mailto:slbower@bell.net), or Rev. Sarah Miller know of your interest. Or use the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

~ **Sun. March 8: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGES....** (Clocks go forward 1 hour)

## Upcoming at Eastminster

### ~ **Sun. March 1: EASTMINSTER'S ANNUAL MEETING & CATERED LUNCH**

The Eastminster Annual General Meeting will be held immediately following today's service. Please make every attempt to be present at the meeting (Childcare provided). All congregants who are part of the church are welcome to attend, regardless of whether you are an official member of the church, or an "adherent" (meaning that you consider yourself a part of the church community but have not become a member). The AGM will be an opportunity to review our past year, and plan ahead for the next.

**PLEASE NOTE: The lunch following the meeting is now being *catered*.**

## Out in the Community

### ~ **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.

### ~ **Wed. March 4, 11, 18, 25: THE LENTEN DINNER AND DISCUSSION GROUP 2015**

You are invited to a Lenten Dinner and Discussion Group at Cosburn United Church, 1108 Greenwood Avenue, Toronto, on the following evenings starting with a potluck supper a 6:30 pm followed by discussion from 7:15 to 8:45 pm:

Wednesday March 4th --- What is Lent?

Wednesday March 11th --- The Ten Commandments

Wednesday March 18th --- Covenant Relationships

Wednesday March 25th --- Introduction to the Music of Taize

You are also welcome to join in the discussion if you are unable to make it for the supper. For more information, please contact Rev. Linda Petrides, Minister at Cosburn United Church - (416) 421-5711.

### ~ **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)

### ~ **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!

## 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

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## 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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## We invite you to attend a public meeting to learn more about the Relief Line Project Assessment.

### STUDY OVERVIEW

The City of Toronto's City Planning Division, together with the TTC, is planning a new rapid transit line to connect the Yonge-University-Spadina Subway downtown to the Bloor-Danforth Subway east of the Don River. This line will relieve crowding on Line 1 (Yonge-University-Spadina Subway), at Yonge-Bloor Subway Station, and on the surface transit routes coming in and out of downtown.

### THESE MEETINGS

We are currently seeking feedback on potential station areas and the evaluation criteria that will be used to determine the preferred alignment and station locations.

### AFTER THESE MEETINGS

Potential corridors and station areas will be evaluated towards identifying a preferred route and station locations for the Relief Line, along with benefits and potential impacts. The final evaluation of the preferred option will follow the requirements of an Ontario Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP).



### Four identical sessions will be held:

#### Tuesday, March 3, 2015

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Calvary Church  
746 Pape Avenue

#### Monday, March 9, 2015

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
St. Lawrence Hall  
157 King Street East

#### Thursday, March 5, 2015

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Riverdale Collegiate  
1094 Gerrard Street East

#### Thursday, March 12, 2015

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Christ Church Deer Park  
1570 Yonge Street



### GET INVOLVED!

We understand that good planning involves the community. If you'd like more information, please contact us:

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