

# Eastminster United Church

## February 8, 2015

### Fifth after Epiphany



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

“When I walked out the door toward the gate to my freedom,  
I knew if I didn’t leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I’d still be in prison.”- Nelson Mandela

#### **We Gather as God’s People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Norman Tanaka

\*Opening Hymn Sing to God with Joy and Gladness

John L. Bell

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

One: Loving God, thank you for getting us here this morning. Help us to appreciate our surroundings, our present, your presence, our world. We thank you for Jesus, Servant of servants, leading us on our way.

All: **Gracious God, you have called us to be your own.  
We long to respond to your call: openly, fully, lovingly.**

One: You have commissioned us to carry your light but often we have grasped too many things to take along the way...pride, judgment, fear, resentment, uncertainty.

All: **Help us to lighten the load, to maintain our integrity.  
Hear our deepest desires and yearnings, we pray. Reveal yourself in Spirit, in truth. Amen.**

\*Exchanging the Peace

Introit Lift Every Voice and Sing

Words: James Weldon Johnson  
Music: J. Rosamond Johnson

Children’s Time “Hello? Is it me you’re looking for?”

Maya Brathwaite

Life and Work of the Congregation

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

Greek Scripture Mark 1:29-39

Leroy Evans

Greek Scripture 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Meditation For This Is What I Came Out To Do Maya Brathwaite  
Anthem O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines Words: Carl P. Daw Jr  
Music: Stuart Townend

### **We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: VU# 358 When Jesus the Healer

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

Dedication Prayer

Minute for Mission: Shawn's Story

Pam Cameron

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

Marlene Sagada

### **We Go Out to Be the People of God**

\*Closing Hymn VU #316 Praise Our Maker

\*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

## **Today**

### **~ Scriptures ~**

Mark 1:29-39 p. 35 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 p. 171

**~ Rev. Sarah is on Study Leave from Feb 6-13. During this time Rev. Robin Wardlaw from Glen Rhodes United Church is on call for pastoral care. His contact info is: 416-465-3755, glenrhodesminister@bellnet.ca**

**~ TODAY! 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**. *(don't forget your cameras!)*

## ~ TODAY! SOUND OPERATORS' TRAINING

For one hour after worship service today: led by David Kopulos. Sandwiches will be provided. 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.

## Announcements

**\*\* Sue is away on vacation until Feb 10. \*\***

## ~ 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

February 15          Transfiguration Sunday: Using our Senses in 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 a 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 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...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. 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***

**~ Sunday 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***

**~ 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 to share for our **Potluck Lunch following the 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***. Carolyn Curren 416 465 6174 or ***info@neilandcarolyn.com***

## Out in the Community

~ **Presteign-Woodline United Church** are holding their 22nd Annual Community Variety Show on *February 20th at 7:00pm* in their Hunter Hall. Auditions are being held on February 16 & 18 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. Adults and children are welcome. The show is \$7.00 per person or \$20.00 per family of four. Info at: <http://presteignwoodbineuc.com/>

### Also...

~ **The Presteign-Woodbine Heritage Group** just started their new series of Historical presentations. A new and interesting presentation will take place each week between 1:30-3:30 pm every Thursday until March 12th. Topics range from Toronto the Bad to Chinese Canadian History. Each presentation is \$7.00 per person. There are bulk presentation rates and bus trips with lunch, theatrical performances and tours are available to participants.

## Weekly Events

<b>Mondays:</b>	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl Knitters</b> - meet in Sarah's Office
<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

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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

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

Come for a

# Pancake Supper



**Pay what you can!**

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