



Eastminster United Church
March 1, 2015
Second Sunday of Lent

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it."
Mark Twain*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Norman Tanaka

*Opening Hymn MV#1 Let Us Build a House v. 1, 2, 4

Lighting Lenten Candles

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

God of promise and hope, you call us to your way and set before us paths of faithfulness. Sometimes we hesitate to follow you and to make changes in our lives. Sometimes our priorities and commitments reflect unhealthy patterns even though you call us to new life. Sometimes we are too afraid to do what we know is right. Forgive us and remind us there is always another way. Amen.

The Peace Shared

The children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

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

Meditation Building Together

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem Upon This Rock

Richard Leach

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Life and Work of the Congregation

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: VU#611 Out of the Depths, O God, We Call to You

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

Charles Brown

We Go Out to Be the People of God

*Closing Hymn VU#117 Jesus Christ is Waiting

*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.

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Postlude

Today

Scripture: Mark 8:31-38 p. 44

~ **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).

Announcements

~ **Rev. Sarah will be on Study Leave from March 2-8.** During this time Rev. Robin Wardlaw will be on call of pastoral care. His contact info is: 416-465-3755, glenrhodesminister@bellnet.ca

~ **2014 TAX RECEIPTS** have now been mailed out. Please speak to Alex (EUC's Bookkeeper 416-463-2179 ext. 105 on Mondays) or Jim Patterson (EUC's Treasurer) if you require any additional information or assistance.

~ **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 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	

~ **OUT OF THE COLD: NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!**

Out of the Cold is a program which strives to respond, in a meaningful way, to the needs of the most abandoned of our city's poor and homeless people. These needs include the basic physical needs of shelter and food, and the deeply human needs of compassion, dignity and feelings of self-worth. Please like our Facebook page for news on the homeless, updates on volunteer shifts, and connect with fellow volunteers. Look for volunteer interviews, donation requests, and news of community events. Like us @ Eastminster UC Out of the Cold

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Eastminster-UC-Out-of-the-Cold/1593106464253990>

~ **TU B'SHVAT SEDER - VERY MUCH A SUCCESS!**

Reporter (Barbara Silverstein) from the Canadian Jewish News-CJN who was at the recent Seder at Eastminster wrote a wonderful article about our Danforth Multifaith Committee. Check it out: <http://www.cjnews.com/canada/danforth-shul-holds-interfaith-tu-b'shvat-seder> also, watch the slide show from the photos taken by DJC's photographer at <https://vimeo.com/119900352> (pw: djc)

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

Upcoming at Eastminster

~ **Sat. March 7 from 4-9pm: EUC SPAGHETTI DINNER!**

Come one, Come all! ... Everyone is invited to join together on Saturday March 7th for fellowship and hospitality while enjoying a fabulous Spaghetti Supper!

We've booked the big kitchen and Hurndale room from 4pm - 9pm All the ingredients for the dinner will be supplied; *donations of your favourite desserts would be most welcomed!*

Come early and help with dinner's preparation, or arrive closer to meal time.

Pat Roy will be joining us to lead a session on "Praying in Colour" a continuation of what she introduced us to during the 'Senses Service' and we'll also open up a conversation about "Messy Church" - a movement started in the UK about 10 yrs. ago that has seen big growth (over a 1,000 in the UK) and expanded to Canada with approx. 100 Messy Churches operating here now. Feel free to bring along your musical talents, guitars, banjo's and singing voices!

This is a great opportunity to invite a few of your close friends and neighbours - for a fun night out!

To help with planning our numbers for the night, kindly speak with **Paul Childerhose or Heather Speer** during service or contact them at: heather@myraidfitness.com or 416-466-0878

~ Wed. March 18 at 7pm: COINS & A LEAP OF ECONOMIC FAITH IN THE TIME OF JESUS

A brief seminar on ancient coins with Enrico de Dominicis. The first in a speaker series on a variety of topics. If you would like to give a brief seminar and Q&A on a topic close to your heart, please speak to Cathy Forrest or Marlene Sagada.

~ Fri. March 27 at 7 pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB

Book: **THE STONE ANGEL** by **Margaret Laurence** (Borrow from Library)

New members welcome! Come out for a lively discussion by the fire, followed by the 9pm Social Wine & Cheese. 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. March 29 at 10:15am: PALM SUNDAY BICYCLE PARADE, SERVICE AT 10:30AM

~ Thurs. April 2 at 7pm: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE OF HAND AND FOOT WASHING

This is being held at Glen Rhodes United Church, 1470 Gerrard St. E, with the Danforth Multifaith Community.

~ Fri. April 3 at 10am: DANFORTH ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK

The walk begins at Holy Name Catholic Church (71 Gough Ave) and continues on to 4 other churches

~ Sun. April 5 at 10:30am: EASTER!

Rev. Sarah Miller preaching "The Easter Paradox: Loss, Hope and Resurrection"

Out in the Community

~ Members of the Outreach and the Net zero groups of Richmond Hill United Church are encouraging as many Ontarians as possible to email or write to the Ontario Government on a crucial issue, the Review of the Greenbelt Act and the Places to Grow Act which opens on Feb. 28, 2015. Details on the issue and how to take action are found at www.growingjustice.ca

~ Monday's 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 for this 5 week series are: **March 4** - St. John the Baptist Norway, 470 Woodbine Avenue/ **March 11** - St. Luke, 904 Coxwell Avenue/ **March 18** - St. Saviour, 43 Kimberley Avenue/ **March 25** - St. David and St. Andrew, 49 Donlands Avenue

~ 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.

~ **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 4** -- What is Lent? /Wednesday **March 11** -- The Ten Commandments/Wednesday **March 18** -- Covenant Relationships/Wednesday **March 25** -- 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.

~ **March 5, 6 & 7: DANCING QUEEN – MUSICAL FUNDRAISER**

The Riverdale Players, a local community theatre group, is thrilled to bring you 3 nights of musical theatre that is guaranteed to make you laugh and sing along! Proceeds to go to two main charities, *Big Little Caravan of Joy*, a charity that brings creative programming to impoverished children in Africa and within our own Aboriginal community and *Eastminster's Out of the Cold* program. (See poster on last page) for more info and tickets can be purchased at: <http://bit.ly/RiverdaleDancingQueen>

~ **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" St. John Presbyterian Church, 415 Broadview Ave. (at Simpson)

~ **Sun. March 8 & 22 from noon - 1:15pm: 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. Two more Sundays after church: 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.

~ **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 7:30 - 9.30pm	Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

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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



Riverdale Players present

DANCING QUEEN

A Musical Theatre Fundraiser
TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Thursday, March 5th, 7:30pm
Friday, March 6th, 7:30pm
Saturday, March 7th, 7:00pm

Dear friends,

We'd like to ask you to come out and support a musical theatre fundraiser that has strong neighborhood connections. Rick Poetker, who's been involved in the local community theatre scene, recently formed the Riverdale Players, together with director, Sarina Belle Condello, who has been putting on musicals for young and old since 2000. Rick twisted the arms (not really) of Tamina Lacheur, Amanda Ram, Terry Ram, Janet Logan, and Michael White to join the talented cast and roped in Linda Considine to help us with the fundraising. We all want to share with you the absolute joy and enthusiasm of this great adventure we've been on this winter, as the Riverdale Players puts on its debut presentation of "Dancing Queen" (a.k.a. *Mamma Mia!*)

TICKETS ON SALE NOW: <http://bit.ly/RiverdaleDancingQueen>

Not only are you guaranteed a barrel full of laughs and a strong dose of infectious joy, this is a great opportunity to raise some *Money! Money! Money!* for two great charities:

BIG LITTLE CARAVAN OF JOY: Sarina founded this arts-based initiative that has brought educational programs to over 10,000 vulnerable, remote and orphaned children in 8 African countries and 20 First Nations communities in Ontario. The program's impetus is to empower and engage children, using the arts (dance, drama, etc.) as a vehicle to do so. <https://www.facebook.com/thebiglittlecaravanofjoy>

OUT OF THE COLD: A volunteer program that provides safe refuge, hospitality and emergency shelter to the homeless:

So please be a *Super Trouper* and say *I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do, I Do*, because we are truly hoping that, "somewhere in the crowd, there's you".

Thank You For The Music,

*Linda & Rick
Amanda & Terry
Jane & Mike*

