



Eastminster United Church
March 8, 2015
Third Sunday of Lent

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"If we will be quiet and ready enough we shall find compensation in every disappointment."
(Henry David Thoreau)*

"Quiet is the new loud." (Joe Robitail)

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Judith Ramsay

*Opening Hymn MV#79 Spirit, Open my Heart

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 Grace, Regardless of the past you run to greet us. You throw your loving arms around us. You clothe us with your blessings. You rejoice at our being here. You want nothing more than for us to be reconciled to you and each other. Be with us this day we pray. Open our hearts and minds to your ways, so that we may carry your love to the world. Amen

Introit 1

The Peace of the Earth Be with You *trad.* Guatemalan; arr. John L. Bell

The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too.
Deep peace falling over you;
God's peace growing in you.

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

Hilary Donaldson

The children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 19 (VU# 740; Refrain 1)

Andrew Cassidy

Greek Scripture

John 2:13-22

One:

The Word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Catharine Saxberg

Anthem

That Lonesome Road

James Taylor

Walk down that lonesome road,
 all by yourself.
 Don't turn your head
 back over your shoulder,
 and only stop to rest yourself
 when the silver moon
 is shining high above the trees.

If I had stopped to listen once or twice,
 if I had closed my mouth and opened my eyes
 if I had cooled my head and warmed my heart
 I'd not be on this road tonight.

Carry on, never mind feeling sorry for yourself
 It doesn't save you from your troubled mind.

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: MV#157 I am a Child of God

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

*Dedication Prayer

Minute for Mission

Second Chances

Pam Cameron

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

Susan Bower

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn MV#12 Come Touch our Hearts

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Extinguishing of the Lenten Candle

*Sung Benediction 2 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

Today

Scriptures:

Psalm 19 (VU# 740; Refrain 1) p. 498 John 2:13-22 p. 93

Announcements

From Rev. Sarah

Those who have been at Eastminster for a long time might remember May Doherty. May wasn't able to get out to church for the last 10 years, but enjoyed flowers and cards sent from Eastminster. May died on Wednesday morning. We remember her friends and family in our prayers. I'll share funeral details when the arrangements are made.

~ 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 15	Luke 15: 11-32	Prodigal Forgiveness
March 22	Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12	Reconciled Hearts

Easter Services:

~ **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"

~ ADDRESS UPDATES

Please don't forget to let the office know of any changes or additions to your address, email, phone numbers (home/cell) etc. so we can keep the church database current. Please email Sue in the office at eastminster@bellnet.ca with any changes.

~ A BIG THANK YOU!

A hearty thank-you to all the energetic volunteers who jumped in to help with the prep, food service, and clean-up after last Sunday's AGM luncheon! I don't have everyone's names - so here is a big hug to all who assisted at the last minute. You know who you are... Lee Perry

~ 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>

~ **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 EUC Events

~ Tues. March 10 at 7pm: COUNCIL MEETING

~Wed. March 17 at 10.40am: SERVICE AT CHESTER VILLAGE

~ 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

Looking Ahead!

~ Sat. May 9 at 7pm: EASTMINSTER'S BOOGIE THROUGH THE 70'S

Save the date for Eastminster's 2nd Annual Dancin' on the Danforth! Get up and boogie through the '70s with the Eastminster choir and band leader, Scott Pietrangelo. Cash bar, outta sight finger food, totally tubular cakes and unreal silent auction. Tickets are \$50. All proceeds go towards our building accessibility campaign. Spread the word, tell your friends! Info: Marlene Sagada or Susan Bower

Out in the Community

~ 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 11** - St. Luke, 904 Coxwell Avenue/ **March 18** - St. Saviour, 43 Kimberley Avenue/ **March 25** - St. David and St. Andrew, 49 Donlands Avenue

~ **Wed. March 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: **March 11:** The Ten Commandments/**March 18:** Covenant Relationships/**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.

~ **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!

~ **Fri. March 27: PIZZA WITH PURPOSE**

Youth event age 12 and up at Beach United Church. The pizzas go to a lunch program for people who don't generally get homemade gourmet pizzas so you will be providing them with a treat. And we get to eat them that night! Contact Doug at: barcikblackburn@yahoo.ca or 416 662 0460.

~ **COURAGE AND RENEWAL**

Five Oaks. Register by March 30. A very promising series of five 3-day retreats over a one year period based on the work of Parker J Palmer. "Participants seeking personal and professional renewal will expand their capacity to listen and be present, improve their ability to build trustworthy relationships, and find the courage to live authentically" Info at: <http://bit.ly/1BapYDg>

~ **March 27 at 7pm: 22 ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW**

Presteign-Woodbine United has rescheduled their 22 Annual Variety Show to March 27 at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$7/person or \$20/family of four. Audition nights are March 22 and 24 at 6:30 pm for those who wish to showcase their talents. For more details please contact: Jane Hawkins & Tracy Guercio at presteignwoodbineunitedchu@bellnet.ca or 416 755 8352

~ **Fri. April 3 at 7.30pm: JOSEF HAYDN'S - LORD NELSON MASS**

Members of the Toronto Beach Chorale warmly welcome you to enjoy *Josef Haydn's -Lord Nelson Mass* with professional orchestra and guest soloists at Kingston Rd. United Church, 975 Kingston Rd. General Admission: \$20/\$25 at door, Youth (7-18) \$10/\$12 at door Children under 7 free. Info at www.torontobeachchorale.com

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

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Musicians

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