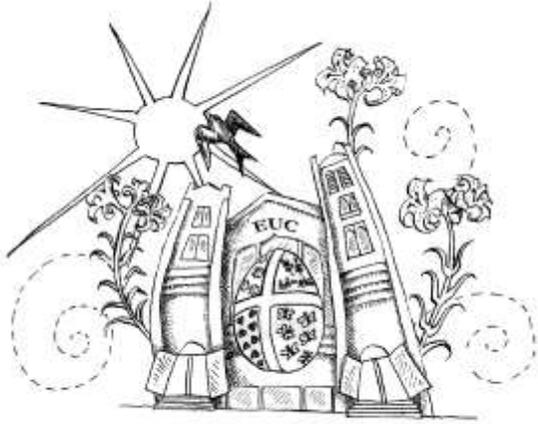


Eastminster United Church

April 12, 2015

Second Sunday of Easter



*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"You have to be black, with a knowledge of the history of this country, to know what America means to black persons. You also have to know what it means to be a nonperson, a nothing, a person with no past, to know what black power is all about. Survival as a person means not only food and shelter, but also belonging to a community that remembers and understands the meaning of its past." - James Cone

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Elaine Dalziel

*Opening Hymn VU#164 The Day of Resurrection

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle as a sign of hope.

All: **Enlightening our resurrected lives.**

Opening Prayer

Stay with us, Blessed Stranger, for the day is far spent, and we have not yet recognized your face in each of our sisters and brothers. Stay with us, O Risen One, for the day is far spent, and we have not yet shared your bread in grace with our brothers and sisters. Stay with us, Servant Christ, for the day is far spent, and we have not listened to your Word in the words of our sisters and brothers. Stay with us, because our very night becomes day when you are there. Amen!

The Peace Shared

Introit

When it was Yet Dark

Stephen Hatfield

*Then when Mary Magdalena
came to the tomb to anoint the dead,
there in the mist of the Easter morning,
she found empty stone instead.*

*Then he spoke to Magdalena;
She heard her name so soft and low.
Then she knew he had died to teach her
what there was no other way to know.*

*Where were the soldiers to guard the body?
Where was the click of the dice at play?
Where was the smell of death and dying?
How was the great stone rolled away?(...)*

*Shame and pain can never defeat you;
Spirit is fire and flesh, it is clay,
Back to the clay go the men who mock you,
Death is a great stone rolled away.*

*Woman tell me why you're weeping.
Why on a morn so fresh and fair?
I came to pray for my Lord, but look,
His grave has been robbed and the tomb lies bare.(...)*

*One was Mary bearing the baby;
two was Mary whose brother was reborn;
three was Mary Magdalena,
bearing the gospel on Easter morn.*

Children's Time

The children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture Acts 4:32-35 Elaine Dalziel

Greek Scripture John 20: 19-31

One: The Word of Hope.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation Intentional Community Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem I Know that My Redeemer Liveth G. F. Handel
Rachel Wood (soprano)

*I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day
upon the earth.*

*And though worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God.*

*For now is Christ risen from the dead,
the first fruits of them that sleep.*

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: MV#178 Who Is My Mother

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) LeRoy Evans

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

Minute for Mission Pam Cameron

*Closing Hymn VU#477 I Come With Joy

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing MV#196 We Will Take What You Offer

Postlude

Today

Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35 p. 122 John 20: 19-31 p. 115

~ **Join us for a POTLUCK LUNCH following today's service.**

~ **Today we welcome** two members of the Toronto Community Orchestra, Jennifer Jones (oboe), and Owen Griffiths (cello). Thank you for sharing your gifts of music today.

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

For the season of Easter, we will explore Doing Faith: How Communities and Individuals Live out their spirituality through action and social justice. Topics include: Intentional Community, Christian Communism, Jesuit Activists, Taize, and the work of Ched Myers, Julia Ward Howe.

~ WE NEED VOLUNTEERS...

Volunteers are needed to assist with serving the coffee and snacks through the year. Our wonderful Sunday Custodian Joseph does most of the work, so all you have to do is provide snacks, serve with a smile, and clean up! It's a great way to meet people and welcome newcomers. With a large enough group of volunteers, you would only need to help out once every month or two. Please contact Doug Harris at dharris@iroc.ca if you would like to volunteer.

~ Tues. Evenings at 7pm: NEW TO CHURCH? CURIOUS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY?

Join us for Embracing an Adult Faith: A 5-session Study by Marcus Borg on what it means to be Christian. Five Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Our next service of Baptism and Welcoming New Members will be May 31.

April 14:	Images of God	May 19:	Prayer, Practice, Participation
April 21:	Who is Jesus?	May 26:	Community, Giving, Reaching Out
May 5:	Baptism, Salvation and Christian Rites		

~ BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER WEEK 4!

Today is the fourth weekly Book Sale to help raise funds for the Eastminster Accessibility Project. Following the service, please take a few minutes to browse the many books on the Book Table in the Narthex. There are new gently used books available every week and there are lots of additions of special interest for children this week. Prices are flexible, so pay what you think its worth. All proceeds go to the Eastminster Accessibility Fund - last week we raised an additional \$110, bringing the total from the book sales so far to \$399. Thanks for supporting the Eastminster Accessibility Project.

Announcements

~ THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Eastminster **Out of the Cold Program** organizers would like to thank the congregation for their generous support helping those in need throughout the cold winter months. This season our teams of awesome volunteers regularly fed over 120 guests for dinner and 45 for breakfast. Thank you to all of you who have supported the program through your financial contributions, your volunteering to prepare and serve meals, pick-up meals, return pans, staff the clothing room, and your donations of clothing and other items. Thank you for your dedication to helping others.

~ A SECOND THANK YOU!

The Eastminster Youth Group would like to thank all those who made donations to our Winter Clothing Drive, in support of our Out of the Cold Program. You helped our guests stay so much warmer throughout this extremely cold winter. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and caring!

~ SEAMSTRESSES AND TAILORS

Are you pretty good with a sewing machine? How about a needle and thread? Embroidery, quilting or applique? We are constructing banners for use in our sanctuary at Pentecost and we are looking for one more person who is comfortable with fabric arts. If you want to help out, contact Susan Bower slbower@bell.net or 416 270-7280.

~ Sun. April 19 at 12: **TRUSTEES MEETING FOLLOWING SERVICE** (Details have been sent out by mail)

~ Tues. April 21 at 10.40am: **CHESTER VILLAGE SERVICE**

~ Sat. May 2 at 7.30pm: **VOCA CHORUS OF TORONTO PRESENTS: STAGE SONG II CONCERT**

A celebration of songs from the stage - opera, operetta, & musical theatre. Location: Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Ave. (Chester Subway) Tickets: \$25; \$20 (Seniors); \$10 (Students) Info at: 416-947-8487 or www.vocachorus.ca. (See poster on community notice board)

~ Fri. April 24 at 7 pm: **EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB**

Book: **Mrs. Queen Takes the Train**. Author: **William Kuhn**. Moderator: **Susan Wakefield**. If you are not a book club member yet, but would like a copy of the book, order one through Carolyn for only \$13.36 (regular retail cost \$18 to \$21) also, the group book order has now arrived. As always new people are welcome to join the book club (both EUC folks and their friends alike). 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

~ July 29 – July 31: **SPARROW LAKE CAMPING - FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND!**

Paul Childerhose paul.childerhose@gmail.com and Heather, Lucy, Carena and Isabel are planning to register and would love to invite their friends and families from the Eastminster community to join them for a fun filled camping weekend!

... from their website:

" The Family Camp weekend is planned with the entire family in mind. It gives us all a chance to enjoy the natural environment, good fellowship and fun. The weekend kicks off with an informal campfire on Friday evening. After a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast, the real fun begins. On Saturday morning, our staff will provide programs for the children, while the adults take part in their own planned activities. In the afternoon, there will be theme-based programs for the whole family. Time will be set aside for families to enjoy popular core camp programs, such as swimming, canoeing and crafts. Saturday comes to a close with more fellowship around the campfire. Join us for what will soon become an SLC tradition for your family". More info at: <http://www.sparrowlakecamp.com/programs-family-camp.cfm>

Community Events

~ Wed. April 15 from 11am – 1pm: **PRAYER VIGIL: BUDGET 2015 - NO MORE TURNING AWAY AT QUEEN'S PARK**. As release of Ontario's 2015 provincial budget draws near, join people of faith at a Queen's Park prayer vigil to pray that our society and provincial government will heed the call for forceful action to counter poverty in this budget. Leaders of various faiths will offer short reflections and prayers. The vigil is sponsored by the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC), Ontario's major interfaith anti-poverty organization. You are welcome even if you can only attend for half an hour or an hour, as you are able. Visit www.isarc.ca for details or follow ISARC on Facebook.

~ April 17 & 24 - 7:30 pm/April 18 & 25 -3 pm: **GODSPELL!**

Presented by the Knob Hill Community Players at Knob Hill United Church, 23 Gage Ave., Scarborough (East of Brimley, between Lawrence & Eglinton). For more information contact Hedy Baker-Graf at 416-431-5054 or email Tracy Odell at my-universe@rogers.com. Tickets are \$15 each or \$10 for students.

~ Sun. April 19 at 1pm: WALK LINE 9

Re-Claiming the Corridor for People, Not Tar Sands. You and your family are invited to join us for a walk (RAIN OR SHINE) along the Hydro Corridor north of Finch Ave. (from Talbot Rd., west to Bathurst Ave.). We will be celebrating the use of this provincially-owned Corridor as a public recreation space; instead of a dangerous profit centre for Enbridge. (We will meet at 1pm at the west end of the TTC parking lot at Hendon and Yonge) <http://www.stopline9-toronto.ca/>

~ Wed. April 22: EARTH DAY 2015

Take Action Now for Climate Justice. Check out all the ways you and other United Church people can take action for the climate now in anticipation of April 22.

Visit: <http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/takeaction/150330>

~ Tues. April 28 & 29: DIVERSITY, INCLUSIVITY AND EQUITY SYMPOSIUM

To be held in north Toronto with Desmond Tutu's daughter speaking for more information visit:

<http://www.tutu.org.za/daughter-of-desmond-tutu-to-speak-at-gta-symposium>

~ Thurs. April 30 from 6:30 to 8:30pm: DINE & DISCOVER FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES

Please join us for an enjoyable evening and dinner at CRC (Christian Resource Centre), 40 Oak Street. Please bring others from your community you feel should get to know us. You will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Chef Judi, a resident of 40 Oaks and hear CRC updates from Louise Moody, Executive Director, and other staff. Find out how you and your faith community can participate in the work of CRC. Please R.S.V.P. to Bruce Voogd by April 23 to let him know if you are coming and how many guests you will be bringing. You can reach him at 416-363-4234, ext. 238 or at brucev@tcrc.ca

~ Fri. May 1 at 8pm: EYES OPEN TO EXPLORE OUR ENVIRONMENT.

Beach United hosts a Youth Sleepover with a chance to witness Chimney Swifts, visit solar panels and talk about Climate Justice. Youth from grade 7 and up from across Toronto Southeast Presbytery and beyond are welcome to join us. Email Beth at: bbaskin@united-church.ca to get registration information.

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

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 Somer



“For the child taken, for the parent left behind.”

Greater Toronto Regional Update

National TRC Work

The last of seven national TRC events took place a year ago in **Edmonton, Alberta, March 27th – 30th, 2014**, and national and regional churches made efforts to have a large contingent of people attend, in support of the process and the survivors who told their stories.

The Commissioners, and all the participating churches, have now turned their attention to the TRC's closing events in **Ottawa May 31st to June 3rd, 2015**, including the release of the **Final Report** and its findings and recommendations on **Tuesday June 2nd**. Many churches are preparing for a significant presence in Ottawa, as well as numerous lead-up and follow-up events, as all who have participated in the process recognize that while the work of the Commissioners may come to a close in June, the work of truth-telling, healing, and the seeking of reconciliation and right relations does not.

A partner of the TRC, **Reconciliation Canada**, is planning a major **Reconciliation Walk** on **Sunday May 31st** to begin the closing events with an important public witness. It is hoped that many tens of thousands of people will take part.

KAIROS Canada is planning a series of events, including an intergenerational gathering of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal delegates **May 29th – 30th** at Carleton University, as well as other education gatherings, for those who can stay longer, through **June 3rd**. A large ecumenical **Worship Service** is also planned, to be hosted by Ottawa churches, following the Walk on the afternoon of **May 31st**. For more information on the KAIROS schedule of events, or to register, go to **<http://www.kairoscanada.org/get-involved/time-for-reconciliation/>**

Regional TRC/ChurchWork

In the greater Toronto region efforts are being made among those who hosted **The Meeting Place**, the Toronto Region TRC event May 31st – June 2nd, 2012, including Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre and the Living Into Right Relations Circle of Toronto Conference, United Church of Canada, to work alongside others to plan for various gatherings leading up to, during, and beyond the TRC closing in June. A number of ecumenical solidarity events are being planned, including a **Reconciliation Walk** on the afternoon of **May 31st** (details to be announced), as well as special services to recognize **National Aboriginal Day** on **Sunday June 21st**. The group is also planning ecumenical training events for adults and youth, and will be supporting a delegation of survivors, with whom Council Fire works, to accompany local TRC witnesses to Ottawa, so that cross-cultural learning can take place.

Advocacy continues regarding the **Native Women's Association of Canada's** call for a **Public Inquiry** regarding the **Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls** in Canada, which now numbers near 1200, as well as the need for a new and well-funded **First Nations Education Act** that provides autonomy and authority to Indigenous leaders for the education of their children.

Consider joining these regional efforts to pursue reconciliation and right relations from a faith-based perspective. Contact Linda Parsons, Facilitator of the Living Into Right Relations Circle, Toronto Conference, at **linda.parsons@rogers.com** or 905-895-7194.

More information about TRC events in Ottawa is available on the national website: **www.trc.ca**