

Eastminster United Church
April 26, 2015
Fourth Sunday of Easter



*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"Since my youth, I think that I have never lost the intuition that community life could be a sign that God is love, and love alone... [A] community where kindness of heart and simplicity would be at the centre of everything."
--Brother Roger of Taizé, God is love alone*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn VU#606 In Christ There is No East or West

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

All: **Enlightening our resurrected lives.**

Opening Prayer

Overshadow us now, generous God, with the beauty and the mystery of your presence.

Overshadow us and draw forth from us, depth of feeling, truth of confession, power of conviction, as we worship and as we live, as your people. Amen

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

The children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 55:1-5, 10-12

Bev Falk

Greek Scripture

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

One:

The Word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Members of One Another

Hilary Donaldson

Prayer in the Manner of Taizé

Let All Who are Thirsty Come

Let all who are thir-sty come. Let all who wish re-ceive the wa-ter of life —
free-ly; A - men, come, — Lord Je sus. A men, come, — Lord Je sus.

Laudate Omnes Gentes / Sing Praises All You People

Sing prai ses all you peo ple, sing prai ses to our God; sing prai ses all you
Lau da te om nes gen tes, lau da te Do mi num; lau da te om nes
peo ple, sing prai ses to our God!
gen tes, lau da te Do mi num!

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Silence.

Confitemini Domino / Come and Fill our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al - le - lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no. Al - le - lu - ia!

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: Live in Charity

Live in char i ty and steadfast love; live in char i ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. There is a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of the first line.

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#959)

Michelle Suzanne

Prayer Refrain: You Know the Way for Me

Gott, lass mei - ne Ge-dan-ken sich sam meln zu dir. Bei dir ist das Licht,
God, let my thoughts be gath ered to - geth - er in you. In you there is Light,
du ver - gisst mich nicht. Bei dir ist die Hil - fe, bei dir ist die Ge - duld.
hold me in your Light. In you there is pat - ience; in you I find my help.
Ich ver - ste - he dei ne We - ge nicht, a - ber du weisst den Weg für mich. Gott,
Though I may not un der stand your ways, still you know, God the way for me. God,

The musical score is written for voice in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature. It consists of three lines of music with corresponding German and English lyrics. The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for a refrain.

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn MV#145 Draw the Circle Wide

*Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Postlude

Today's Announcements

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-5, 10-12 *p. 685*

~ 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.

~ **Rev. Sarah will be on Study Leave from April 27 – May 3.** During this time Rev. Robin Wardlaw will be on call of pastoral care. His contact info is: 416-465-3755, glenrhodesminister@bellnet.ca

~ **Hilary will be on holiday from April 29 until May 14, inclusive.** She will check email periodically, but please copy any urgent worship inquiries to eastminster@bellnet.ca. The Children's Choir will be led by Scott Pietrangelo and Rachel Wood during Hilary's absence.

~ AN UPDATE: FROM EUC'S MINISTRY & PERSONNEL (M&P) COMMITTEE

Who we are: Carol Bennett (Chair), Dale Hildebrand, Diana Hilton, Tom Veenstra and Cindy Zwicker-Reston.

What we do: We support our minister and lay staff on matters related to their employment with EUC and the United Church of Canada (including hiring, performance management, pay, benefits, and learning and development) so that they can successfully fulfill their role in Eastminster's growth as a faith community and living out our vision and mission.

What we've been up to lately: We are nearing completion of Sarah's annual review and goal-setting process in accordance with the Toronto Conference's new Effective Leadership program (<https://www.torontoconference.ca/resources/252-mp-resources>). This will be presented to Council at the end of May.

What's next: Lots! Over the next couple of months we will continue to gather, assess and prioritize the work that needs to be done in consultation with the staff and Council in support of Eastminster's Ministry & Mission Profile.

~ INVESTING IN YOUTH & INTER-GENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Following the decision in our recent AGM to explore investing in youth and inter-generational programming, a process is underway to hear from Eastminster children, youth and adults. This input will inform recommendations to council for the end of May. Watch your inboxes for an online survey May 8. You can also talk to Sarah Miller, Pat Roy, Carol Bennett or Doug Blackburn anytime. Thank you. Doug Blackburn barcikblackburn@yahoo.ca 416 662 0460.

~ ACCESSIBILITY FUND BOOK SALE UPDATE

The grand total from five weeks of used book sales now stands at \$587.55. This includes \$72.80 which came in last Sunday, plus a \$12 IOU expected in soon. We are going to take a break this week and continue the book sales on Sunday May 3rd following the service. There will be new books appealing to a wide variety of reading interests. Why don't you plan to stop by, take a look and buy a book or two on the 3rd? Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile cause.

~ WITH THANKS WE CELEBRATE AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

The Mission and Service of The United Church gives thanks for the generous gifts in 2014. Together, we supported Mission and Service partners around the world and across Canada. The people of The United Church of Canada raised **\$26,604,710** for Mission and Service. We supported global partnerships, community & justice ministries, new ministries, congregations in transition, and theological education.

~ DATE TBA: Late May on a Friday at 7 pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB

Book/Author/Moderator: TBA. You are welcome to join the book club (both EUC folks and friends) or come to check it out. Join us 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

~ VISITS

If you or someone you know would like a visit from Rev. Sarah, please let her know either on Sundays after service or leave her a message at 416-463-2179 ext. 100 or at: sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca

Events at Eastminster

~ Mon. April 27 at 7:30 pm: Speaker Series: END-OF-LIFE CARE WITH DR. BRENDAN SLOAN

Drawing on his experience in both Britain and Canada, Intensive Care physician (and Eastminster attendee) **Dr. Brendan Sloan** will talk about issues relating to End-of-Life Care.

More than half of all Canadians die in hospital; often that means that very ill people and their family members, in collaboration with doctors, are pressured to make decisions about palliative care, continuing or stopping therapies etc. at a time of great emotional stress. It's best for all if we can think and talk about these challenges with our loved ones ahead of time. Join us in the Parlour for an introduction by Brendan followed by an engaging discussion. Please contact Cathy Forrest at: cathy.4est@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

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

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 Bulletin Board)

~ 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. Our next service of Baptism and Welcoming New Members will be May 31. Please speak to Rev. Sarah if you plan on attending.

May 5: Baptism, Salvation and Christian Rites

May 19: Prayer, Practice, Participation

May 26: Community, Giving, Reaching Out

~ Tues. May 5 at 7.30pm: TORONTO COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Hold this date! stay tuned for all the details!

~ Sun. May 10: MOTHER'S DAY

~ Wed. May 13 at 7.30pm: THE TORONTO CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS: CARMINA BURANA
Join us at Eastminster United Church (310 Danforth Ave. - Chester Subway) for our concert Carmina Burana by: Carl Orff. Conductor: Geoffrey Butler with special guests: TorQ Percussion Quartet. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door more info at: www.torontochoralsociety.org/concerts/

~ Wed. June 10 at 7pm: Speaker Series: ROMANI ITE DOMUM
Using Coins and Artifacts, Eastminster's **Enrico De Dominicis** will set the background to the events leading to the great Jewish revolt of 66AD culminating with the permanent destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, the Jewish Diaspora, and the year of the 4 Roman Emperors.

Wider Church Events

~ 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 info.

~ Sat. May 9 at 7.30pm: TORONTO BEACH CHORALE – FOUR CORONATION ANTHEMS

TBC warmly invites you to enjoy a majestic choral performance of Georg Frideric Handel's *Four Coronation Anthems* with professional 15 piece orchestra & guest soprano soloist, Eve Rachel McLeod, at Kingston Rd. United Church (975 Kingston Rd.) Saturday May 9 at 7.30pm. Tickets and more info at: www.torontobeachchorale.com

~ Mon. May 11 at 7pm: HEART & VISION AWARDS CONCERT IN HONOUR OF LIEUTENANT-GENERAL ROMÉO DALLAIRE AND DR. MARY JO LEDDY

On Monday May 11 2015 join Toronto United Church Council at the seventh annual *Heart & Vision Awards Concert*. Retired Lieutenant-General and humanitarian Roméo Dallaire and refugee advocate Dr. Mary Jo Leddy will be honoured for their contributions to social justice with a musical celebration featuring the Elmer Iseler Singers, Canadian Soprano Jennie Such, and star of the Shaw and Stratford Festivals Thom Allison. The concert will take place at Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. E. in Toronto. Doors open at 7 pm, curtain rises at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$60 for the concert alone or \$150 including a post-performance reception. Proceeds support the Toronto Christian Resource Centre's 40 Oaks residence through Council's Community Relief Fund. Reserve your ticket online at www.heartandvision2015.eventbrite.com or call Ali Hayes at 905-771-5124.

~ Sat. May 23 from 9-1pm: SPRINGFEST!

Please join us at Birchcliff Bluffs United Church - 33 East Rd. (Kingston Rd./Warden Ave.) on Saturday, May 23 for our annual Springfest! Lots of great things for sale including baked goods, books, CDs, toys, gently used household items, jewelry and clothing will be available. Enjoy a delicious breakfast sandwich or BBQ lunch while you browse. Our special attraction this year will feature collectible cars on display. Info at: 416-694-4081 or www.birchcliffbluffsuc.org

~ Fri. June 12 at 7:30 pm: THE COMMON CUP COMPANY IN CONCERT

St. Aidan's (70 Silver Birch Ave. in the Beaches) presents a unique concert experience featuring the Common Cup Company, whose mission as a group of musicians is one of teaching, song-writing, singing and supporting congregations and groups in their ministry. The Common Cup has produced five albums of original music. Some of their best known songs, such as "Draw the Circle Wide" appear in the newer Canadian Hymn Books: Voices United (United Church of Canada), Common Praise (Anglican), The Book of Praise (Presbyterian) and More Voices (United Church). More information about their music is available

at www.commoncup.com. For tickets at \$20 each, please contact the Church Office, by phone 416-691-2222 or <http://www.staidansinthebeach.com/contact>

**** DATE CHANGE** - July 17 – July 19: SPARROW LAKE CAMPING! FAMILY CAMP**

Paul Childerhose paul.childerhose@gmail.com, 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 this fun filled camping weekend!

More info at: <http://www.sparrowlakecamp.com/programs-family-camp.cfm>

Community Events

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

This symposium will be held in north Toronto with Desmond Tutu's daughter; Rev. Mpho Tutu speaking. More info at: <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** 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

~ Sat. May 2 at 1 PM: DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE: WALKING INTO WATERSHED WISDOM

Jane's Walk- Join us on a reflective walk through the **Evergreen Brick Works** (550 Bayview Ave.) to consider what it means to be a part of the watershed. Watersheds reveal connections, whether they are the ties to the physical places we all inhabit or the inspirational moments that change our way of seeing a situation. Through a series of stations, stories, and symbolic actions we will introduce the idea of reconciliation in the watershed and invite people to make their own connections—historically, ecologically, and spiritually. Grounded in faith, and contemporary struggles for **social justice**, we will “pray with our legs” to deepen our understanding of restoring relationship with each other and with the land. Details <http://www.replacingchurch.com> RSVP Beth at: bbaskin@united-church.ca

~ Thurs. May 7 from 4-6pm: CRC'S COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

The Christian Resource Centre (40 Oak St.) invites you to drop by, enjoy some light snacks, meet your neighbours, and find out what's new at CRC. Learn about our many programs and activities, including community meals, food skills, advocacy, gardening, community enterprises, housing & housing support, clothing program, and our drop-in activities.

Then, starting at 6pm: A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF CRC! Annual community meeting where we recap the previous year and share future plans. Includes speaker Joy Connelly, respected social housing consultant and blogger. More info at: www.tcrc.ca

~ KAIROS CANADA – Faithful Action for Justice - TIME FOR RECONCILIATION

May 29 - June 3 in Ottawa. Details at: <http://www.kairoscanada.org/>

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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Custodians

Robert Covert

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