



Eastminster United Church  
May 10, 2015  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day

\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"We will not have questions answered by irrelevant agencies,  
Our husbands will not come to us, reeking with carnage,  
For caresses and applause.  
Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn  
All that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.  
We, the women of one country,  
Will be too tender of those of another country  
To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."  
- Julia Ward Howe*

**We Gather as God's People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Norman Tanaka

\*Opening Hymn VU#222 Come, Let Us Sing

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

**All: Enlightening our resurrected lives.**

Opening Prayer

**Mothering God, you call us into relationship with you and with one another. You call us to make a joyful noise, but we grumble and complain. You call us to sing a new song, but we cling to familiar words, afraid to turn the page and to see that you are still doing marvelous things. Heal us and challenge us with your word and with your love. Amen.**

Introit Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Jean Janzen / Janet Peachey

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

*The children are invited to Church School.*

**We Share in Word and Song**

Greek Scripture

John 15:9-17, Acts 10:44-48

Elaine Dalziel

One: The Word of Hope.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Mother's Day

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

words: Fred Pratt Green  
arr. S. Pietrangelo

It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand;  
It is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land;  
It is God who builds his City on the Rock and not on sand:  
May the living God be praised!

It is God whose purpose summons us to use the present hour;  
Who recalls us to our senses when a nation's life turns sour;  
In the discipline of freedom we shall know his saving power:  
May the living God be praised!

When a thankful nation, looking back, has cause to celebrate  
Those who win our admiration by their service to the state;  
When self-giving is a measure of the greatness of the great:  
May the living God be praised!

He reminds us every sunrise that the world is ours on lease—  
For the sake of life tomorrow, may our love for it increase;  
May all races live together, share its riches, be at peace:  
May the living God be praised!

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

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV#169 When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

*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)

Charles Brown

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

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn MV#143 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

\*Blessing & Sending Forth

\*Sung Blessing MV#196 We Will Take What You Offer  
We will take what you offer,  
We will live by your word,  
We will love one another  
and be fed by you, Lord

Wild Goose Resource Group

Postlude

## Today's Announcements

### Scriptures:

John 15:9-17 p. 109

Acts 10:44-48 p. 130

~ **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](mailto:eastminster@bellnet.ca). The Children's Choir will be led by Scott Pietrangelo and Rachel Wood during Hilary's absence.

~ **TORONTO COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA'S "POSTCARDS FROM EUROPE" CONCERT A HUGE SUCCESS!** Everyone who attended the TCO's concert on Tuesday evening would agree it was a wonderful experience. The quality of the orchestra has really been enhanced and if you ever want to see an excellent amateur orchestra featuring some of Eastminster's congregation members don't miss their next concert! It was an evening of lovely music played by enthusiastic musicians under the leadership of a skilled and passionate conductor. The reception which followed, with lots of good food and drink, provided a great opportunity to mingle with the musicians and their fans. Highly recommended!

### ~ NEW REQUEST FOR GLASS JARS WITH LIDS

Please save your 750 ml - 1 litre glass jars (mason, or pickle/condiment style) from the recycling, and bring them to church each Sunday. To be used for homemade soup for fundraising for EUC and outreach to sick/housebound. Will place box in Narthex with sign for drop-off. Thank-you! Lee Perry  
[leeperry@bellnet.ca](mailto:leeperry@bellnet.ca)

### ~ PURCHASE SOME RED GERANIUMS!

In recognition of Spring and the upcoming season of Pentecost, which is represented by the color red, the Worship Committee is selling pots of red geraniums. As you prepare your gardens this year please consider adding red geraniums to your mix. Each 2" plant is \$5.00, with half the cost going towards Eastminster's Accessibility Project. Plants will be available at church on Sunday May 24 or you can guarantee your order in advance by contacting Elaine at: [edalziel@marchofdimes.ca](mailto:edalziel@marchofdimes.ca)

### ~ BOOK SALE

Didn't your Mom always tell you to read a book? Why not drop by the book table in the narthex after the service and buy a book for your Mother or in memory of her this Mother's Day? There are many newly donated books for children and youth, as well as a new selection of adult novels. Pay what you think the book is worth - all proceeds go to the Building Accessibility Fund. Last week's sale raised just over \$80 to bring the book sale total to over \$650 thanks to your generosity. Let's keep it going!

### ~ 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](mailto:sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca)

Deadline for announcements going in the Eblast and Bulletin is: **9am Wednesday.**  
Please send to Sue at: [eastminster@bellnet.ca](mailto:eastminster@bellnet.ca)

## Events at Eastminster

### ~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

For the season of Easter, we have explored Doing Faith: How Communities and Individuals Live out their spirituality through action and social justice. Our final service in this series will be on May 17 when we reflect on the intersection between the Eightfold path of Buddhism and the Way of Jesus. May 24 we celebrate Pentecost and begin a series on Gifts of the Spirit.

### ~ 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 19:** Prayer, Practice, Participation

**May 26:** Community, Giving, Reaching Out

### ~ Wed. May 13 (and every second Wed. after) from 7:30 to 9:30pm: EUC FOLKS!

For Folk music players, singers and lovers: If you, or someone you know, plays guitar, harmonica or other instruments or just wants to sing... and wants to join in this informal session...please get in touch with us at: Alan- [lamunn@pathcom.com](mailto:lamunn@pathcom.com) H- 416 463 3834/C- 416-352-8617 or Neil- [info@neilandcarolyn.com](mailto:info@neilandcarolyn.com) C- 416 464 8400.

### ~ 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/](http://www.torontochoralsociety.org/concerts/)

### ~ Tues. May 19 at 10.40am: CHESTER VILLAGE SERVICE

### ~ Wed. May 20 at 7pm: STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE MEETING

### ~ Fri. May 22 at 7 pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB

**Book:** ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE. **Author:** Anthony Doerr. **Moderator:** Noreen Cartwright. Recent Winner of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for fiction; almost a year on the New York Times Bestseller List. It will engender some great discussion. If you would like a copy of the book, Carolyn has extras for \$15.50. You are also welcome to join the book club (both EUC folks and friends) or drop in to check it out. 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](mailto:info@neilandcarolyn.com)

### ~ Fri. & Sat. May 22 & 23: GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

One of Eastminster's most popular community events returns! You can sign up to host a dinner party in your home or to attend one at another member's place. Couples, families, singles – all are warmly invited to participate. Food restrictions gladly accommodated. Signup sheets will be available in the narthex after worship. Questions? contact Cathy Forrest – in person or at [cathy.4est@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.4est@gmail.com)

~ **Sun. May 24:** Please bring cake or cupcakes to share following the service as we celebrate the birth of the Christian Church at Pentecost.

**~ Sun. May 24 from 4 – 6 pm: NEWCOMERS' WINE AND CHEESE**

New to Eastminster? We'd love to get to know you better! You're warmly invited to an informal afternoon gathering, a chance to enjoy the company of some long-time members as well as other newcomers. All family members are very welcome – that means yes, kids too! For more details, please talk to Marlene Sagada – in person or at: [msagada@gmail.com](mailto:msagada@gmail.com).

**~ 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

**~ 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](http://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](http://www.birchcliffbluffsuc.org)

**~ Every fourth Monday (May 25, June 22) from 7.30-9.30pm: COMMUNITY CIRCLE DANCE**

Kimbourne Park United Church, 200 Wolverleigh Blvd., 7:30-9:30 pm. By donation. We dance traditional and modern circle dances to a variety of world music. No experience or partner is needed and all dances are taught. For more information please email: [cebett@gmail.com](mailto:cebett@gmail.com) or [ejoan.warren@gmail.com](mailto:ejoan.warren@gmail.com)

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

## Community Events

### ~ Mon. May 11 from 8-9pm: TEACHING EMPATHY & GRATITUDE IN KIDS & TEENS

Cosburn MS School Council proudly presents Dr. Karyn Gordon: Teaching Empathy & Gratitude in Kids & Teens. Dr. Karyn is one of North America's leading relationship / parenting and career experts, a motivational speaker to more than ¼ million people, a best-selling author (Dr. Karyn's Guide to the Teen Years) & founder of dk Leadership: An Inspirational Leadership & Counseling Center For Teens, Couples & Adults. Free to Parents & Caregivers, RSVP - 416-396-2335. Location: 520 Cosburn Ave. (beside the office) doors open at 7.30pm and coffee served. Info about Dr. Gordon at: [www.dkleadership.org](http://www.dkleadership.org)

### ~ May 22 to 24: THE TORONTO CONSORT PRESENTS: THE PLAY OF DANIEL

Trinity-St. Paul's Centre (427 Bloor St. West) Purchase Tickets at Box Office: 416-964-6337 | Online: <http://www.torontoconsort.org/>

The grand finale to the Consort's season is the greatest masterpiece of Medieval music theatre: a wondrous telling of the story of the writing on the wall and Daniel in the lions' den. A full theatrical production, with the Consort Medieval players and singers joined by Kevin Skelton in the role of Daniel, and the young voices of the VIVA! Youth Singers of Toronto.

### ~ Sat. May 23 from 11am-3pm: SPRING FLING AT TRUE DAVIDSON ACRES

200 Dawes Rd., Something for everyone! BBQ lunch/snacks, tea room, giftware sale, craft sale, prize raffle, homemade baked goods, gently used goods and lots more.

### ~ Sat. & Sun. May 23-24: DOORS OPEN TORONTO

The 16th annual Doors Open Toronto will be on Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 24 - offering free and rare access to more than 155 architecturally, historically, culturally and socially significant buildings across the city. More Info at:

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=42eafa2cd4a64410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

## Green Things!

### ~ FREE COMPOST!

Aside from the compost available at our Community Environment Day (see below for details) one more load will be available for pick up on: **Sat. May 30** at Jackman Public School at 9:00 am

*(Please note this is on a first come first served basis and we do run out fairly quickly.)*

### ~ Sat. June 13 from 10 to 2pm: WARD 29 ENVIRONMENT DAY!

Dieppe Park (Cosburn & Greenwood) Do your part in creating a cleaner, greener and more liveable Toronto. Bring us your unused and unwanted household items and you will help to:

- Extend the life of a product by offering it to someone for reuse.
- Reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and ensure that it is properly recycled.
- Ensure that hazardous waste materials are disposed of safely

More details and what you can drop off at City of Toronto website:

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=e20d433112b02410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD> (also see poster on the Community Events Bulletin Board).

## 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

## 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 Somer



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### ~ UNITED CHURCH RESPONSE TO NEPAL EARTHQUAKE ~ *(this message has been shortened)*

**(Full message at: <http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/response/150427>)**

The United Church of Canada is calling for prayer and welcoming donations for Nepal Earthquake Relief in response to the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that hit the south Asian country on April 24. The United Church has contributed \$7,500 from its Emergency Response Fund to ACT Alliance to provide emergency aid in Kathmandu and surrounding areas. The Canadian government will match, dollar for dollar, donations to registered Canadian charities (including the United Church) made between April 25 & May 25.

### **Donate Now**

Your donation to Nepal Earthquake Relief will be applied directly to support relief, rehabilitation, and restoration efforts in the country. Here's how you can donate:

### **Online via our secure donation page.**

**Phone** 416-231-5931 ext. 3050 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 3050 use your Visa or MC.

**Send a cheque**, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

The United Church of Canada  
Philanthropy Unit—Emergency Response  
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300  
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

*(Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Nepal Earthquake Relief" on the face of your cheque.)*