



Eastminster United Church
May 17, 2015
Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"If you light a lamp for someone, it will brighten your own path." - Buddha

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Judith Ramsay

*Opening Hymn VU#215 Hope of the World

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

All: **Enlightening our resurrected lives.**

Opening Prayer

Holy Wisdom, you are revealed to us in many ways.

In your good earth, in the faces of strangers we see your presence.

In the words of scripture, poetry and songs, we hear your voice.

In the silent stillness and the busy bustling we are held in your embrace.

Amen.

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

The children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Readings from Christian and Buddhist texts

Chi Nguyen

One: The Word of Hope.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation The Eightfold Path and the Way of Jesus

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem God Be In My Head

John Rutter

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV#154 Deep in Our Hearts

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

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer VU#959

Rev. Sarah Miller

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn MV#159 In Star and Crescent

*Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Wild Goose Resource Group

Postlude

Today's Announcements

~ Sun. May 24: CUPCAKES FOR PENTECOST!

Please bring cake or cupcakes to share following the service next Sunday as we celebrate the birth of the Christian Church at Pentecost.

~ Fri. July 3 through Sun. July 5: EASTMINSTER GOES CAMPING!!

We have reserved a group camping site at Sibbald Point Prov. Park again this year. The park wants approximate numbers to be submitted within two weeks. More info. and signup sheet at the back of the church. Contact Harry Miller - 416-694-6301 maryandharrymiller@gmail.com

~ WE NEED YOUR INPUT...TAKE THE SURVEY!

Following up on a recent Annual General Meeting decision, we are exploring:

- Intergenerational programming at EUC – for all ages and outside of Sunday worship
- Youth programming at EUC – for youth, grade 7 through high school

The survey is open to grades 4 and up. **It closes next Tuesday, May 19.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EUC-Yth-Intergen> You can also talk to Sarah Miller, Elaine Dalziel, Carol Bennett or Doug Blackburn, barcikblackburn@yahoo.ca 416 662 0460.

~ SPACE FOR RENT?

Edward Long is looking for a room to rent with access to kitchen & bathroom in the \$430 per month range beginning July 1. Please email Ed at: edward494long@ymail.com if you have space to rent.

~ PURCHASE SOME RED GERANIUMS!

In recognition of Spring and the upcoming season of Pentecost, (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, 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

~ BOOK SALE UPDATE

The Book Sale will be taking a break. After seven weeks of sales, the grand total raised for the Building Accessibility Fund is \$693.65! If we want this fundraising activity to continue, we need someone to take it on because Ruth is moving out of the city in June. It's a fun project and a great way to interact with people, so please consider taking this on. There's not much to do: set up the books, sell them, count money, pack up and send notices for the bulletin & Eblast. Many people have pitched in to help so you

won't be alone. Pls. let Jim Patterson, jkpatterson01@gmail.com Chair of the Fundraising Committee, know if you'd like to help out. Thanks to everyone who has supported this fundraising activity!

~ NEW REQUEST FOR GLASS JARS WITH LIDS

Please save your 750 ml - 1 litre glass jars (mason, pickle/condiment style) from the recycling, & bring them to church each Sunday. To be used for homemade soup for fundraising for EUC & outreach to sick/housebound. Box in Narthex with sign for drop-off. Thanks! Lee Perry leeperry@bellnet.ca

~ 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

~ Rev. Sarah's office hours for next week: Tues. 12-1:30pm & Thurs. 10-12pm, or call to set up an appointment.

Eastminster Events

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP: May 24 we celebrate Pentecost and begin a series on Gifts of the Spirit, exploring the gifts of wisdom, judgement, faith, awe, wonder, patience, courage and kindness.

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

Join us for Embracing an Adult Faith: A Study by Marcus Borg on what it means to be Christian. Please speak to Rev. Sarah if you plan on attending. **May 19:** Prayer, Practice, Participation **May 26:** Community, Giving, Reaching Out

~ 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. Carolyn has copies for \$15.50. You're welcome to join the book club for EUC folks & friends or drop in to check it out. Come out for a lively discussion, followed by the 9pm Social Wine & Cheese. Location: At the home of Neil Riach & Carolyn Curren (1 block from EUC). Contact: John Brown at: 416-463-0844 or Carolyn Curren at: 416-465-6174 or: 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 in the narthex after worship. Contact Cathy Forrest – in person or at: cathy.4est@gmail.com

~ 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! Contact Marlene Sagada – in person or at: msagada@gmail.com.

~ Wed. May 27 (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... Contact: Alan- lamunn@pathcom.com H- 416 463 3834/C- 416-352-8617 or Neil- info@neilandcarolyn.com C- 416 464 8400.

~ **Wed. May 27 at 7pm: COUNCIL MEETING**

~ **Sun. May 31: BAPTISM & WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

~ **Sun. May 31 at 12.30pm: COMMUNITY & DISCIPLESHIP MEETING**

~ **Sun. June 7: GUEST SPEAKER: EMILY CLARK**

~ **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.

~ **Sun. June 14: WORSHIP AND PICNIC IN WITHROW PARK**

Join us at 10:30am for our Sunday Worship Service, followed by a potluck picnic lunch and games. Bring something to share and join in the fun!

Wider Church Events

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

Please join us at Birchcliff Bluffs United Church - 33 East Rd. (Kingston Rd./Warden Ave.) for our annual Springfest! 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

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

Kimbourne Park United Church, 200 Wolverleigh Blvd. By donation. We dance traditional & modern circle dances to a variety of world music. No experience or partner is needed, all dances are taught. More info at: cebett@gmail.com or 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. 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 info. at: www.commoncup.com. Tickets \$20- contact Church Office at: 416-691-2222 or <http://www.staidansinthebeach.com/contact>

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Musicians: Michelle Suzanne - *soprano soloist*, Andrew Hodwitz - *bass soloist*, Jeff Schissler - *tenor soloist*, Joy Klopp - *alto soloist*

Custodians: Alison LeGrow, Jessica Aguiar, Joseph Telford, Robert Covert, Joshua Somer

Announcement Deadline is: 9am Wednesday. Please send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca

* **PLEASE NOTE:** Community Events and additional details can be found under the **NEWS** section on the website at www.eastminsteruc.org