



Eastminster United Church
May 3, 2015
Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

*"We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves
after a journey that no one can take for us or spare us." - Marcel Proust*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Lee Perry

**Opening Hymn* VU#395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down

Lighting the Christ Candle

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

All: Enlightening our resurrected lives.

Opening Prayer

God of open hands,

We feel your welcome in this time of worship.

You welcome young and old,

all who are seeking peace,

and all who are brimming over with energy.

You welcome newcomers and long-time members;

all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer,

and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith.

In the silence we let go of all that keeps us from true relationship with you and with each other.

We give you thanks God, because we are all welcome in this place, just as we are. Amen.

Introit Christ we do all adore thee

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

Gord Falk

The children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture Romans 9: 12 - 21 Gord Falk

One: The Word of Hope.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation A Mennonite Journey to Justice Dale Hildebrand and the Eastminster Choir

Anthem Praise God from Whom (A Mennonite Anthem)

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV#173 Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

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) Mary Miller

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Minute for Mission Pam Cameron

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU#600 When I Needed a Neighbour

*Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Postlude

Today's Announcements

Scripture: Romans 9: 12 – 21 *p. 159*

~ **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.



THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
L'ÉGLISE UNIE DU CANADA

~ 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 and 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.)

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.

~ THE BOOK SALE IS BACK!

Today there are many newly donated books for children and youth, as well as a new selection of adult novels. Drop by the book table after the service to pick up some great books. Pay what you think the book is worth - all proceeds go to the Building Accessibility Fund. We've raised almost \$600 so far, 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

Events at Eastminster

~ 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 26:** Community, Giving, Reaching Out
May 19: Prayer, Practice, Participation

~ Tues. May 5 at 7.30pm: TCO PRESENTS: POSTCARDS FROM EUROPE

The Toronto Community Orchestra is very pleased to extend a warm invitation to our Spring Concert "Postcards From Europe", at Eastminster United Church 310 Danforth Ave. (Chester Subway) on Tuesday, May 5th, 7:30 p.m. The concert will include works by Dvorak, Vaughan Williams, Mozart, Khachaturian and Grieg. All are welcome, admission is free! (Donations of any size will be gratefully accepted). Please join us after the concert for a reception in the auditorium. (See poster on the Community Events Bulletin Board) Info at: torontocommunityorchestra.org

~ 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/

~ 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

~ 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

~ 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

~ Sun. May 3 from 7:30 - 9:30 pm: LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR (Multifaith Event)

Do Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Traditions Promote Diversity and Inclusion?

An expert panel of three young woman scholars – Jewish, Christian, and Muslim – will explore how the sources and traditions of three faiths can offer us challenges and guidance toward broadening interfaith understanding in our time.

Shari Golberg (Shema and Iqra), Susan Harrison (Associate Chaplain at Ecumenical Chaplaincy at University of Toronto), and Nevin Reda (Assistant Professor of Muslim Studies at Emmanuel College, University of Toronto) will probe into the sources of their respective religions to determine how each religion views the others. Can our religions co-exist in a respectful manner? Q & A will follow.

Co-sponsored by: Congregation Darchei Noam, Danforth Jewish Circle,

(<http://djctoronto.com/event/love-thy-neighbour/>) CIJA, and Emmanuel College.

If you wish to register in advance, please call the Darchei Noam office at 416.638.4783.

~ 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

~ Sat. May 9 from 9- 1pm: CHURCH YARD SALE AND BBQ

Presteign Woodbine United Church invites you to come out (rain or shine) to their BBQ/Yard Sale and shop till you drop! Books, Plants, White Elephant, BBQ & Refreshments. Great Deals, Wonderful Selections. 2538 St. Clair Ave. E, 4 blocks west of O'Connor. Take the 91A bus from Woodbine Subway. Info at: 416 755 8352 www.presteignwoodbineuc.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

~ 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

~ 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) two more loads will be available for pick up on:

Sat. May 9 at East York Community Centre at 9:00 am

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

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Musicians

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Andrew Hodwitz, *bass soloist*
Jeff Schissler, *tenor soloist*
Joy Klopp, *alto soloist*

Custodians

Robert Covert
Jessica Aguiar
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