



Eastminster United Church
May 31, 2015
First Sunday after
Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world."
- Karl Barth*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Mary Gerritsma

*Opening Hymn VU#684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: As we light the Christ candle we are reminded that Christ came into the world to be a light and inspiration to all peoples and not just to a select few.

All: We are called to follow that light by living with respect for all of creation.

Opening Prayer

Ever-present God, you watch over all your creation. You care for us and guide us. You lead us on paths of wholeness and fullness. You offer us companionship on the way. Touch us with your blessings of peace and vitality as we worship you today. Amen.

The Peace Shared

Introit

Non Nobis Domine

William Byrd
Children + Adult Choir

Non nobis, Domine, sed nomine tuo da gloriam

Not to us, Lord, but to your name be glory

Children's Time

Banner Dedication

The children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Jane Gadd

Reading

Dynamics of Faith, by Paul Tillich

One:

The Word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Something to Believe

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

When You Believe (from *Prince of Egypt*)

Stephen Schwartz

*Many nights we've prayed
With no proof anyone could hear,
In our hearts a hopeful song
we barely understood
Now we are not afraid,
although we know there's much to
fear; we were moving mountains
long before we knew we could*

*There can be miracles
When you believe
Though hope is frail
It's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles
You can achieve
When you believe
Somehow you will;
You will when you believe*

*In this time of fear, when prayer
so often proves in vain
Hope seemed, like the summer
birds, too swiftly flown away.
Yet now I'm standing here
With heart so full, I can't explain
Seeking faith and speaking words
I never thought I'd say*

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV#217 Hey Ney Yana

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 (spoken) VU# 921

Susan Bower

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU#402 We Are One

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing

Go On Your Way in Joy

Kerri Meyer

Go on your way in joy, my friends, go on your way in
joy, my friends. Go on your way in joy, my friends, let your
left foot say "Glor - y!" and your right say, "A - men!"

Postlude

Today's Announcements

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 p. 174

~ **Rev. Sarah is away on Study Leave** at the Gestalt Institute Retreat from June 1-8 to complete her 4th year in the Gestalt Training Programme. During this time Rev. Robin Wardlaw will be on call of pastoral care. His contact info is: 416-465-3755, glenrhodesminister@bellnet.ca

~ **RED GERANIUMS!**

Thank you to everyone who purchased geraniums last Sunday – all 50 managed to find great homes. A number of you requested more geraniums – so this Sunday another 30 red geraniums are available for you to take home and plant in your gardens. The cost - \$5 each with ½ going towards Eastminster's Accessibility Project. Let's keep on spreading the Fire!

~ **INTERESTED IN HELPING TO PLAN WORSHIP?**

The next planning meeting for the Worship Committee is after church on July 19th we'll be planning for the fall season. Our goals? to create dynamic and engaging worship services to support diverse expressions of faith, to deepen community life by fostering lay leadership in meaningful worship and to support meditation, prayer and spiritual growth for individuals and groups. If you'd like to volunteer for prayer, scripture reading, children's time or other opportunities for lay leadership, please speak to Susan Bower, Chair of Worship slbower@bell.net or Rev. Sarah, sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca

~ **RUTH & BRUCE SEND OFF & THANKS!**

During our worship service on **Sunday, June 7** we will be recognizing the amazing contribution of Ruth Plant & Bruce Clark during their many years at Eastminster. Ruth & Bruce will be moving to Collingwood later in June, and this will be a wonderful opportunity to thank them and wish them health and happiness in their new home.

~ **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. & signup sheet at the back of the church. Contact Harry Miller - 416-694-6301 maryandharrymiller@gmail.com

Eastminster Events

~ **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

We continue our series on Gifts of the Spirit June 7 we welcome guest preacher Emily Clark from Lake Scugog Camp and explore the gifts of awe & wonder. June 14 join us for worship in Withrow Park where our theme will be patience! June 21, guest preacher David Lewis-Peart will speak on the gift of courage. We conclude with the gift of kindness on June 28, when we welcome new members & celebrate baptism!

~ **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.

~ **Wed. June 10 (and every second Wed. after) from 7:30 to 9:30pm: EUC FOLKS!**

For Folk music players, singers & lovers: If you, or someone you know, plays guitar, harmonica or other instruments or just wants to sing and join this informal session... Contact: Alan- lamunn@pathcom.com 416 463 3834/C 416-352-8617/ Neil - info@neilandcarolyn.com 416 464 8400.

~ **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!

~ Fri. June 19 at 7 pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB

Book: A HOUSE IN THE SKY **Canadian Author:** AMANDA LINDHOUT

The New York Times bestselling memoir of a young Canadian woman whose curiosity led her to the world's most remote places and then into fifteen months of captivity. Travel, culture, history, romance, religion & spirituality wrapped into this suspenseful, riveting story. An extraordinary narrative of forgiveness & spiritual triumph. At the library. You are welcome to join in - come out for a lively discussion, followed by the 9pm Social Wine & Cheese at the home of Neil Riach & Carolyn Curren (1 block from EUC). Contact: John Brown 416-463-0844 or Carolyn Curren 416-465-6174

info@neilandcarolyn.com

~ Sun. June 28: TORONTO PRIDE PARADE

Join the United Church Affirming Congregations to march in the Toronto LGBTQ Pride Parade. Watch for details of where to meet up closer to the time.

~ NOTE: The locations manager for the movie shoot last week wishes to apologize that street parking was not available last Sunday. Please be assured this will not happen again.

~ NOTE 2: Announcement Deadline for the June 11 Eblast is Monday June 8 at 9am. The Eblast will be sent out on **Tuesday, June 9th** that week as Sue is away the 10th, 11th & 12th.

Wider Church Events

~ Sun. June 14 at 3pm: INTERFAITH PRIDE FAIR DAY



Interfaith Pride
grows in Toronto

The Metropolitan United Church (MUC), Eastminster (EUC) & fellow Toronto Affirming Churches, along with other faith-based organizations including; Two Spirited People, The Toronto Unity Mosque, Sunset Service, Congregation Shir Libeynu, Queer Ismalis & Salaam: Queer Muslim Community, Sikh Dharma and Kulanu Toronto, have planned an Interfaith Pride Fair & Youth Service to be held at The Metropolitan United Church (54 Queen St E. - Queen/Church). The theme for the Interfaith Fair is "The Rainbow Railroad". We want to demonstrate that many faith-based organizations are actively working together to assist LGBTQ folks who have been discriminated against. Celebrate our diversity & faith @ Interfaith Pride Fair Day!

Follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1589940264618868/>

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

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

* We are shortening the "emailed" Eblast, and Sunday Bulletin. Community Events, Local Activities and other miscellaneous info can be found on the longer version of the Eblast that will be posted weekly under the **NEWS** section of the website at: www.eastminsteruc.org. The Sunday Bulletin can also be found on the **HOME** page of the website on the right side under **SUNDAY SERVICE BULLETINS**.