



Eastminster United Church
June 21, 2015
Fourth Sunday after
Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage." -Anaïs Nin

We Gather as God's People

Prelude Mary Gerritsma

Words of Welcome Elaine Dalziel

*Opening Hymn VU#660 How Firm a Foundation v. 1, 3, 5

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

God of new vision, open our eyes that we may see the beauty and worth of all your creation. God of compassion, open our hearts that we may love and be loved, inclusive of all, without prejudice or precondition. God of joy, release our spirits that we may celebrate the oneness of your people. Amen.

The Peace Shared

Children's Time Hearts and Rainbows

The children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture Psalm 29 VU#756 Pam Cameron

Reading This Bridge We Call Home, by Gloria Anzaldua

One: The Word of Hope.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation Courage and Spiritual Activism Rev. David Lewis-Pearl

Anthem Brave Sara Bareilles

You can be amazing, you can turn a phrase
into a weapon or a drug
You can be the outcast, or be the backlash
of somebody's lack of love

Everybody's been there, everybody's been stared
down by the enemy, fallen for the fear, and done
some disappearing, bow down to the mighty
Don't run, just stop holding your tongue

Or you can start speaking up
Nothing's gonna hurt you the way that
words do when they settle 'neath your skin;
Kept on the inside and no sunlight
Sometimes a shadow wins
But I wonder what would happen if you

Chorus:
Say what you wanna say,
And let the words fall out
Honestly, I wanna see you be brave

Maybe there's a way out of the cage where you live,
maybe one of these days you can let the light in,
Show me how big your brave is

And since your history of silence
Won't do you any good,
Did you think it would?
Let your words be anything but empty
Why don't you tell them the truth?

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn Draw Us Together and Make us One
Words: Mary Louise Bringle; Music: Sally Ann Morris

Verses 1 and 2: Choir

3. Fill us with breath of your Living Word,
form us in service to tend the earth.
Draw us together and make us one,
Joined in affirming all creatures' worth.

4. Ministries honed for a changing world,
steadfast in work till your will is done,
till all creation abounds in love,
draw us together and make us one!

Chorus:

Grow ing as Wis dom and _____ grace _____ en twine,
we are the bran ches of _____ Christ _____ the Vine.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the chorus, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with blank lines for the words 'and', 'grace', and 'Christ'.

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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#178 Who Is My Mother

*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

Mary Gerritsma

Today's Announcements

~ **Today we welcome Reverend David Lewis-Peart**, HSC, MES, a graduate of George Brown College and York University where his research focused on community interventions, qualitative research methods and sexual minority Black youth. Trained in Human Services Counselling with a specialization in mental health, David has worked in frontline social service delivery for a decade, in addition to having participated in a number of local and international social justice initiatives such as Black Lives Matter. David, an ordained minister, presently co-pastors Sunset Service, Toronto Fellowship; an inclusive, interspiritual community ministry focused on social action, the arts, and community building from within a New Thought perspective

~ **Special thanks to Mary Gerritsma** for her gift of prelude and postlude music today.

~ **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY !**

~ JOB POSTING!

We are pleased to announce the job posting is up for the position of Youth and Intergenerational Ministry Worker on the website – link here: <http://www.eastminsteruc.org/job-posting-youth-intergenerational-ministry-worker/> please share it with friends and family and your networks.

~ GIVING ENVELOPES & PAR

If you are interested in setting up or changing over your Giving's option to PAR - Pre-Authorized Remittance (less paper and easier!) or would like to set up envelopes for donations, please speak to Judith Ramsey who has kindly offered to take on these duties or email to: jaramsay@sympatico.ca

Eastminster Events

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

We continue our series on Gifts of the Spirit today and we conclude with the gift of kindness on June 28, when we welcome new members & celebrate baptism!

~ **Tues. June 23 at 7pm: COUNCIL MEETING**

~ Wed. June 24 (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 416 463 3834/C. 416-352-8617 or Neil at info@neilandcarolyn.com 416 464 8400.

~ UPDATE Sun. June 28: TORONTO PRIDE PARADE

Join with the United Church Affirming Congregations and march in the Toronto LGBTQ Pride Parade! Meet with Sarah after the service to organize final details. Don't forget to bring sunscreen, water, comfortable shoes, sunglasses and of course, any other festive accessories! (Please leave your four legged friends at home where it's cooler and quieter)

~ July 3-5: EASTMINSTER GOES CAMPING!

Please contact Harry Miller for details at: 416-694-6301 or maryandharrymiller@gmail.com

~ Fri. July 17 at 7 pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB

Book: T.B.A. **Author:** T.B.A.

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. Info: John Brown 416-463-0844 or Carolyn Curren 416-465-6174 info@neilandcarolyn.com

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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

~ Announcement Deadline for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: Wednesday at 9am.
Please send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca ~

Community Events, Local Activities and other miscellaneous information can be found on the longer version of the Eblast that will be posted weekly under the NEWS section on the website at:

<http://www.eastminsteruc.org/news/>

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