



Eastminster United Church  
June 28, 2015  
Fifth Sunday after  
Pentecost

\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"The church can only be a counter-community.  
If it is anything other than that, it has already compromised itself." - Jacques Ellul*

### We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

\*Opening Hymn MV#59 Alleluia Praise to God

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

**Creator, Maker, Sustainer, we give thanks for your powerful transforming Spirit!  
We celebrate the gifts of inspiration, awe and wonder! For the blessing of shared learning, for moments of awe at your creation we give thanks. Amid challenges and loss, may we always maintain minds open to the wonder and mystery of your Spirit alive in us. Amen**

The Peace Shared

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Parents' Promise and Commitment

Godparents' Promise and Commitment

\*Congregational Promise and Commitment

Let us pledge our support and care to those who we have welcomed today.

**As your brothers and sisters in Christ, we rejoice in the gifts you bring to this congregation. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out and celebrate the life and ministry of Christ's church.**

\*Affirmation of Faith : A New Creed

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church;  
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Blessing of the Water and the Act of Baptism

Baptismal Blessing VU#452 You Have Put On Christ

*The children are invited to Church School.*

**We Share in Word and Song**

Greek Scripture Galatians 5:22-26 Jane Gadd

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

Meditation Be Kind Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem The Rainbow Connection Paul Williams & Kenneth Ascher  
arr. Scott Pietrangelo

<p>Why are there so many songs about rainbows  And what's on the other side  Rainbows are visions, but only illusions  And rainbows have nothing to hide</p>	<p>What's so amazing that keeps us stargazing  And what do we think we might see  Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection  The lovers, the dreamers, and me</p>
<p>So we've been told, and some choose to believe it  I know they're wrong, wait and see  Some day we'll find it, the rainbow connection  The lovers, the dreamers, and me</p>	<p>All of us under its spell, we know that it's probably  magic</p> <p>Have you been half asleep, and have you heard voices?  I've heard them calling my name  Is this the sweet sound that called the young sailors?  The voice might be one in the same</p>
<p>Who said that every wish  Would be heard and answered  When wished on the morning star  Somebody thought of that  And someone believed it  And look what it's done so far</p>	<p>I've heard it too many times to ignore it  It's something that I'm supposed to be  Someday we'll find it, the rainbow connection  The lovers, the dreamers and me</p>

**We respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn VU#701 What Does the Lord Require of You  
*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 Mary Miller

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

## Life and Work of the Congregation

### Closing Hymn and Commissioning Litany

She comes Sailing on the Wind

Common Cup Company, arr. Andrew Donaldson

- One: The Spirit of God travels on,  
**All: She comes sailing on the wind.**
- One: Over the face of the waters of chaos, she moves.  
**All: She comes sailing on the wind.**
- One: Across the generations of humankind, she moves.  
**All: She comes sailing.**
- One: She moves in the spirits of dreamers, and prophets ...  
...The child becomes a prophet, a counsellor to kings;  
And the Spirit moves on,  
**All: Her journey just begun.**
- One: The Spirit moves among us.  
**All: Our journey has just begun.**

#### Verse 1 and 2 (Soloist)

#### **Chorus (all):**



She comes sail-ing on the wind, — her wings flash-ing in the sun; — on a  
jour-ney just be-gun, she flies on, — and in the pas-sage of her flight, — her song  
rings out through the night; full of — laugh-ter, full of light, — she flies on. —

#### Verse 3 and 4 (Soloist)

#### **Chorus (all)**

- One: The Spirit calls us to travel on.  
**All: Our journey has just begun.**
- One: Will you sing the Spirit's song in your heart as you follow in the way?  
**All: We will.**
- One: Will you follow with the faithfulness of Hannah and the courage of Mary?  
**All: We will.**
- One: Will you love sincerely, resist evil, And hold fast to what is good?  
**All: We will.**
- One: Will you speak no arrogance, but keep company with the ordinary, the humble,  
offering hospitality, treating one another with love and respect?

**All:** We will, offering ourselves as a servant community,  
 We will walk with God, following Jesus, moved by the wind and the fire of the Spirit.  
**One:** Her journey has just begun.  
**All:** Our journey has just begun.

**Verse 5 (all)**

Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,  
 After dawn returned in flame of rising sun,  
 The spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,  
 Bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.

**Chorus (all)**

\*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:** Galatians 5:22-26 *p.* 190

**~ TODAY: TORONTO PRIDE PARADE Happy Pride Day Everyone!**

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)

**~ 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.

**~ EUC FOLKS**

The EUC Folk group is taking the summer off and will reconvene again in September.

## Eastminster Events

### ~ UPCOMING WORSHIP:

July 5 we welcome Rev. Doug Varey, and the sermon will be "Listening for the Unexpected". For the next 5 Sundays we explore Wisdom texts from the Hebrew scripture, beginning with Proverbs: Things You Didn't Know Were in the Bible. We explore the Song of Solomon and Ecclesiastes and enjoy some summer wisdom.

### ~Wed. July 1: CANADA DAY: HAPPY CANADA DAY EVERYONE!

### ~ July 3-5: EASTMINSTER GOES CAMPING!

Join us for the weekend at Sibbald Point Provincial Park, or come for just the day on Saturday for swimming, games, and on Saturday evening Potluck dinner and campfire. Please contact Harry Miller for details at: 416-694-6301 or [maryandharrymiller@gmail.com](mailto:maryandharrymiller@gmail.com)

### ~ July 3-5 : EASTMINSTER CAMPING WEEKEND - DAY OPTION:

Doug Blackburn will be bringing the games he had planned for the church picnic to Sibbald Point on the Saturday. So, even if you are not camping, come on up for some fun in the sun!

### ~ Sun. July 5: MARCH FOR JOBS, JUSTICE, AND CLIMATE IN TORONTO

Join with others from Eastminster in this march for justice and the environment! More details at: <http://jobsjusticeclimate.ca>

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

**Book:** The Celestine Prophecy : An Adventure **Author:** James Redfield

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](mailto: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

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

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