



Eastminster United Church  
June 7, 2015  
Second Sunday after  
Pentecost

\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"It is a wholesome and necessary thing for us to turn again to the earth and in the contemplation of her beauties to know of wonder and humility." - Rachel Carson*

**We Gather as God's People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Jill Holroyd

\*Opening Hymn VU#409 Morning Has Broken

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

**Holy God, you give us the wisdom to know and embrace the gifts you have given us, that we might share those gifts through the ministries of your church. Touch our souls with the awe and wonder of your creation and the beauty of living in community with one another. Amen**

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

Emily Clark

*The children are invited to Church School.*

**We Share in Word and Song**

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 104 VU#826, Refrain 2

Chris Bennett

One:

The Word of Hope.

**All:**

**Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Emily Clark

Anthem

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

John Thornburg &  
Amanda Husberg

*God the sculptor of the mountains,  
God the miller of the sand,  
God the jeweler of the heavens,  
God the potter of the land:  
You are womb of all creation,*

*God the dresser of the vineyard,  
God the planter of the wheat,  
God the reaper of the harvest,  
God the source of all we eat;  
You are present at the table,*

*We are formless; shape us now  
God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,  
God the cleaver of the sea,  
God the pillar in the darkness,  
God the beacon of the free:  
You are fount of all deliv'rance,  
We are sightless; lead us now.*

*We are hungry, feed us now.  
God the unexpected infant,  
God the calm determined youth,  
God the table-turning prophet,  
God the resurrected truth:  
You are present every moment,  
We are searching, meet us now.*

### **We respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV#45 You Are Holy

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

\*Dedication Prayer

Faith Story

Ruth Plant and Bruce Clark

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

Diana Hilton

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

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn VU#229 God of the Sparrow

\*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**

~ **Today we welcome guest preacher Emily Clark!** Emily has spent more than 20 summers at Lake Scugog Camp. First as a camper, then LIT, JC and summer staff where she was the Kayaking Director and then co-led the camps Leadership Program. Currently, Emily helps with the camps fundraising efforts and volunteers with the year-round Leadership Program. Emily holds a B.A. from the University of Guelph and a degree in Fundraising & Volunteer Management from Humber College. She is passionate about camping and getting kids out doors. Emily is a firm believer in the importance of community, friendship, adventure & fun.

~ **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. Rev. Robin Wardlaw will be on call of pastoral care at: 416-465-3755, [glenrhodesminister@bellnet.ca](mailto:glenrhodesminister@bellnet.ca)

~ **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](mailto:jaramsay@sympatico.ca)

~ **TOMORROW: INFO SESSION FOR EL HOGAR SERVICE TEAM FOR MARCH 2016**

Leaside UC is organizing another service team to go to El Hogar (a children's orphanage and school) in Tegucigalpa, Honduras during March Break 2016. This is the service mission that Meleah Bennett participated in in March 2014. There is an initial information session for anyone interested, being held on Monday June 8th at 7pm at Leaside UC. No commitment is required at this time. Contact: Carol Bennett [carol.bennett66@gmail.com](mailto:carol.bennett66@gmail.com) at Eastminster or Neal Kelly 416-458-9677 at Leaside.

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

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

~ **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. More info. & signup sheet at the back of the church. Contact Harry Miller - 416-694-6301 [maryandharrymiller@gmail.com](mailto:maryandharrymiller@gmail.com)

~ **PLEASE NOTE: EBLAST & BULLETIN DEADLINE** ~

Announcement Deadline for the **June 11 Eblast & June 14th Bulletin** is **Monday June 8 at 9am.**

The Eblast will be sent out on Tuesday June 9 that week. Sue will be away the 10-12th.

## Eastminster Events

~ **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

We continue our series on Gifts of the Spirit, June 14 join us for worship in Withrow Park (see announcement) 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. Meet in the Auditorium.

~ **UPDATE: Wed. June 10 EUC FOLKS!**

Open Jam Session immediately following Enrico's Speakers Series Talk. (Auditorium - 8pm or later). Please stay after his talk or come out for 8pm or so ... to join in this fun, informal music get together. Much like singing favourites around the campfire. No need to read music. If you hum, sing, play percussion items, spoons, guitar, harmonica, banjo, ukulele then come on down! EUC FOLKS! Contact: Alan [lamunn@pathcom.com](mailto:lamunn@pathcom.com) 416 463 3834/C 416-352-8617/ Neil [info@neilandcarolyn.com](mailto:info@neilandcarolyn.com) 416 464 8400.

**~Thurs. June 11 at 7pm: RESILIENCE HUB MEETING**

Eastminster has been exploring becoming a Resilience Hub, a place where people could come for warmth, food and shelter during events like the 2013 ice storm and power outage. There is a program with Greening Sacred Space working with the municipal government and other partners to plan for such events. Please join us for a meeting with church groups and community partners to discuss our participation in this project

**~ 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! (In case of rain, we will have the service and picnic in the church auditorium)

**~ Tues. June 16 at 10.40am: CHESTER VILLAGE SERVICE**

**~ Wed. June 17 at 7pm: STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**~ 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  
Contact: John Brown 416-463-0844 or Carolyn Curren 416-465-6174 [info@neilandcarolyn.com](mailto:info@neilandcarolyn.com)

**~ Sun. June 21: FATHER'S DAY!**

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

**~ 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.

## Wider Church Events

**~ CRC SUMMER CLOTHES DONATIONS**

Eastminster's Heather Speer is a volunteer with the CRC's clothing room and would like to invite everyone to donate any summer clothing and small household items that are in good shape to the Christian Resource Centre. Please speak to Heather to arrange drop off with her or email: [heather@myriadfitness.com](mailto:heather@myriadfitness.com). (see needed items at end of bulletin)

**~ 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/>

Like us of FB: <https://www.facebook.com/worldinterfaithpridetoronto> (Interfaith Pride Toronto)

## Our Staff

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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

~ 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:

[www.eastminsteruc.org](http://www.eastminsteruc.org)

The Sunday Bulletins can also be found on the HOME page of the website on the right side under SUNDAY SERVICE BULLETINS (click on the date)



### 'CLOTHES FOR FRIENDS' .... in Regent Park

Basic summer adult-only clothing is needed for our clothing program at 40 Oaks in Regent Park. It will be given free of charge to Regent Park neighbours who come to our meal program. All donated clothing must be CLEAN, NEARLY NEW and GENTLY USED, with no rips or stains... **clothes you would be proud to give to a FRIEND!** Poorly selected clothing creates a financial and time cost to us.

Please note that we do not take ANY children's items.

**For Men:** jeans!!!!; shorts, T-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies; long sleeve shirts; pajamas; packaged (new) underwear - sizes M / L; running shoes; belts; construction boots; clean/new/socks. **No** suits, formal wear or trench coats, please.

**For Women:** slacks (especially elastic waist); shorts, T-shirts and blouses; pajamas/nightgowns, housecoats; packaged (new) underwear M-4XL; running shoes/shoes/; purses and jewellery.

**Toiletries:** shaving cream; deodorant; soaps/body wash; shampoo/conditioners; toothbrushes/paste; feminine products; lotions. **No** make-up, colognes, or hairspray. We WILL take open, large, bottles of shampoo & conditioner for our shower program. Travel/hotel size items are ideal.

**Household Items:** adult knapsacks/gym bags; S/D/Q sheets that are clean and usable as is; blankets; towels; clocks; radios; bundle buggies, coffee mugs, lamps; small basic kitchen appliances (coffee makers, toasters, dishes, small microwaves, hot plates....), pots and pans, and kitchen utensils.

**Furniture only as needed. Contact us if you have something to offer.**

Cash donation? \$200 buys 100 pairs of new underwear, or 65 pairs of used jeans on Value Village's sale day.

For more information about the CRC, visit our website at [www.tcrc.ca](http://www.tcrc.ca)

Thanks for your support! Please feel free to pass this list on to friends, family and neighbours

