



Eastminster United Church

August 2, 2015

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

“Yet rather than calling the earliest religions, which embraced such an open acceptance of all human sexuality, 'fertility cults,' we might consider the religions of today as strange in that they seem to associate shame and even sin with the very process of conceiving new human life. Perhaps centuries from now scholars and historians will be classifying them as 'sterility cults.'” – Merlin Stone, When God Was a Woman

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Mary Gerritsma

*Opening Hymn MV#3 River

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: Each week we light this candle as a sign of the light that guides us.

All: **As a community of hope and seekers of wisdom we give thanks for those who light our path.**

Opening Prayer

Holy God, we gather today seeking meaning, rest, understanding and hope. We come to lay down our disappointments and regrets. We come to be comforted in sorrow, to celebrate together and to explore the mystery of the world around us and within our own hearts. Amen.

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

The Children are invited to Summer Church School in the Nursery

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture

Song of Solomon 2:10-13, 8:6-7

Jonathan Lin

One:

The Word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

The Sexiest Book in the Bible

Rev. Sarah Miller

Solo

Arise My Love

Michael Card & Scott Brasher
Soloist: Joy Klopp

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV#89 Love Is the Touch

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

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU#221 Sing Praise to God

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing MV#214 May God's Sheltering Wings

Postlude

Today's Announcements

~ SCRIPTURES ~

Song of Solomon 2:10 - 13, 8:6 - 7 p. 623, 627

~ **Special thanks** to Joy Klopp, *soloist* for sharing her gifts of music today.

~ **Our Property Manager Gerald Gordon** is on vacation until the second week of August.

~ CRC SUMMER CLOTHES DONATIONS

CRC's Clothing Program is running low on summer clothing. Please donate any summer clothing and small household items that are in good shape to the Christian Resource Centre. Spread the word to others and help keep the program well stocked. For more information; email clothing@tcrc.ca or call 416-363-4234 ext. 243 if you have any questions. (See their wish list at end of Bulletin)

Eastminster Events

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

On August 9 we continue to explore Wisdom texts from the Hebrew scripture and celebrate communion. August 16 we welcome guest preacher Heather Stevenson. August 23 our own Maya Brathwaite will be preaching. On August 30 Scott Pietrangelo will lead a music service.

~ EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB

There is no book club meeting for the month of August.. HOWEVER, here are **September's details:**

BOOK: *Cutting For Stone* **AUTHOR:** Abraham Verghese **MODERATOR:** Mary Gerritsma

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

Wider Church Events

~ AUGUST 8 – SEPTEMBER 12: GAMES NIGHT AT KIMBOURNE UNITED CHURCH

Are you a fan of classic board games like Monopoly, Clue and Risk? Or modern games like Catan, Smallworld, Ticket to Ride, Munchkin? Join Kimbourne Park United on the **second Saturday of every month from 5-10 pm** for the best in table top games. Bring your favourite board, strategy or card game or join someone else's. Bring your own snacks to share or purchase pizza, plus a pop or juice for only a Toonie. Games Night is fun, friendly and free. To access the church hall, please use the wheelchair ramp at the front of the church located at 200 Wolverleigh Blvd.

~ AUGUST 10 to 14 9 to 4pm: KIDS ADVENTURE DAY CAMP AT JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH

This fabulous faith and justice based day camp for children in grades 2 to 7 will spark their imaginations and give campers the confidence to change the world one small step at a time. For information or to register visit www.thegoproject.ca Cost is \$100, but confidential financial assistance is available by contacting Wendy Miller at wmiller@unitedchurch.ca

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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 Somers

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

~ CRC DONATIONS LIST~

~ **Household items:** Plates, glasses, cutlery, bedding and toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes).

~ **Men's clothing:** Shoes (especially running shoes), jeans, short-sleeved shirts, sandals, t-shirts and new underwear.

~ **Women's clothing:** Shoes, shorts, blouses and new underwear.