



Eastminster United Church

July 26, 2015

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"I look upon a year lived as a year earned; and each year earned means a greater treasury of experience and power laid up against time of need." ~ Anna Botsford Comstock

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Norman Tanaka

**Opening Hymn* VU#703 In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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

adapted from Robin Wardlaw

We have heard something, God, something that makes us curious, inspires us, even excites us.

Away from the centres of power, you are bringing something world-changing into being.

We come with our curiosity, our excitement; we come with our gifts, our wisdom, our hunger for change and our thirst for meaning. 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

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11, 3:1-17

Maya Brathwaite

One:

The Word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Relating to Time: Long Days, Short Years

Rev. Sarah Miller

Solo

The Circle Game

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn VU#300 God, Whose Firm Is All Creation

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

**Dedication Prayer*

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn MV#165 There is a Time

*Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Postlude

Today's Announcements

~ SCRIPTURES ~

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11, 3: 1-17 p. 614, 616

~ **Special thanks** to Andrew Hodwitz (soloist), Mary Gerritsma (accompanist) and Jennifer Jones (oboe) for sharing their gifts of music today.

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

~ **JOB POSTING! (Final Application Date: July 27)** The position of Youth and Intergenerational Ministry Worker is on the website -here: <http://www.eastminsteruc.org/job-posting-youth-intergenerational-ministry-worker/> please share it with friends, family and your networks.

Eastminster Events

~ **UPCOMING WORSHIP:** For the next few Sundays we explore Wisdom texts from the Hebrew scripture. August 2 & 9 we will read from the Song of Solomon. 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

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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 ~