



Eastminster United Church
August 16, 2015
Twelfth Sunday after
Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"At the end of the day all we ever need is something that helped pass the time and something that keeps time from passing" – Sanober Khan.

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Norman Tanaka

*Opening Hymn VU#567 Will You Come and Follow Me

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

Heather Stevenson

Glorious God, we come together as your people.

We come as a praising people, singing your goodness;

we come as a praying people,

bringing our needs, our joys;

We come as a listening people, opening to your Word.

Fill us with your love and empower us for faithful living, **Amen.**

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

Fancy Nancy and the Dazzling Book Report (storybook)

The Children are invited to Summer Church School in the Nursery

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture

Ephesians 5:15-20

Charlie Brown

One:

The Word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Time is a gift from God; Use it Wisely

Heather Stevenson

Solo

Turn, Turn, Turn

Pete Seeger

Soloist: Joy Klopp

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV#79 Spirit Open My Heart

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#633 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

*Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Postlude

Today's Announcements

~ **SCRIPTURE** ~ Ephesians 5:15-20 p. 194, 195

~ **Rev. Sarah will be on vacation from August 10 to September 1.** For pastoral care concerns please contact: Alex Bisset 416-275-0393 - wabisset@rogers.com

~ **Today we welcome guest preacher Heather Stevenson to Eastminster.**

Heather's original plan in life was to work in Environmental Planning & Analysis. She received her BA in Geography from Wilfrid Laurier University, and then God had other plans for her, and she's since earned a MTS from Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, and is now a 3rd year M.Div student at Emmanuel College. Previously she was a member of Trinity Anglican Church in Streetsville for 10 years, and joined the staff as Director of Children's Ministry in 2008. Along with husband Dean and daughter Jessica they joined North Bramalea United in 2011, where she became their Children's Ministry Leader and they fell in love with the United Church.

Heather is a big advocate for "Messy Church", is a certified Godly Play storyteller and loves using stories to help with faith formation at all ages. She is now working through the discernment process and hopes to become a Candidate following her Conference Interview in October.

~ YOUR OPINIONS MATTER!

The Accessibility Project Building Committee would like to hear from users and members of the congregation regarding any issues with accessibility and mobility that should be brought to the Committee's attention. Please e-mail Alan Munn at: lamunn@pathcom.com. Thank you.

~ OBSERVER MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

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~ August 17 to 28: CAMPERS NEEDED AT SPARROW LAKE CAMP!

There are several spots left for the final session at Sparrow Lake Camp for kids ages 7-15. For more info. or to register, visit their website at: <http://www.sparrowlakecamp.com/index.cfm>. A great way to finish off the summer!

~ Wed. September 23 at 7pm: COMMUNITY RESILIENCE HUB PLANNING MEETING

Eastminster and Community Partners are 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 Spaces: Faith and the Common Good* working with the municipal government and other partners to plan for such events. Come out for an initial meeting of community partners. For more info: <http://greeningsacredspaces.net/>

~ **Announcement Deadline** for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: **Wednesday at 9am.**

Please send to: eastminster@bellnet.ca ~

Eastminster Events

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

August 23 our own Maya Brathwaite will be preaching. On August 30 Scott Pietrangelo will lead a music service. September 6, Rev. Sarah will preach on the spirituality of work. Join us for our Annual Backpack Blessing service September 13, when Church school classes begin!

~ Fri. Sept. 25 at 7pm: EUC READS! - BOOK CLUB

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

~ NEW EASTMINSTER STUDY SERIES: BULLIES, GOSSIPS, GODS, AND SCAPEGOATS ~

Five sessions, 7-8:30pm every other Tuesday, beginning Sept.15. Subsequent sessions on Sept. 29, Oct. 13 & 27, and Nov. 10. Meet in the Parlour.

How are all these things connected?

Anthropologist and literary critic **René Girard**, author of such works as *Violence and the Sacred*, *Things Hidden Since the Foundation of the World*, and *I See Satan Fall Like Lightning* offers us a set of powerful tools for thinking about human relations, social order, and the divine.

Drawing on selections from Girard's work, this 5-session study series will explore a fresh and provocative way of thinking about violence, cruelty, tribalism, and religion in our contemporary setting.

Discussions led by Eastminster's **Cameron Thomson**. Preparatory reading material for the first session will be available in the narthex beginning on **Sunday, August 23**. For electronic copies please email: cameron.thomson@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Wider Church Events

~ Mon. Sept 7 at 5:30 PM: CESAR CHAVEZ DOCUDRAMA & COMMUNITY MEAL

Donway Covenant United Church, at 230 The Donway west, will be showing the 2013 biographical film "Cesar Chavez". He fought tirelessly for social justice, and many consider him to be a saint. A vegetarian meal will be served at 5:30pm and the film will start at 7; \$5 for both. RSVP 416-444-8444

~ 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.

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Soloists: Michelle Suzanne - *soprano*, Andrew Hodwitz - *bass*, Jeff Schissler - *tenor*, Joy Klopp - *alto*

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