



Eastminster United Church
August 23, 2015
Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"Every choice we make holds its own secret for redemption." – Written by Alla Renée Bozarth
Quoted at GC42 by the Very Rev. Gary Paterson (Outgoing Moderator, 2012-2015)*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Elaine Dalziel

*Opening Hymn MV#135 Called By Earth and Sky

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.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Maya Brathwaite

Opening Prayer

Holy Mother, Father God,

Thank you for this glorious morning!

Thank you for this safe space, our very own community of faith!

We pray for you to keep us attentive to your Word.

Attune our ears to your calling, Lord. Guide us in our choices.

Help us to trust in you and only you, and to set aside our fear of change,

So, that we may join you in what you are doing - Here, for the Church and in the World.

Amen.

The Peace Shared

Children's Time

Brother Anansi

The Children are invited to Summer Church School in the Nursery

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture

John 6: 56-69

Susan Wakefield

One:

The Word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Choices

Maya Brathwaite

Solo

Do We Dare

Wanda Stride
Soloist: Michelle Suzanne

Please join in the Chorus after verses 2 & 3:

**As for me and my house, we serve the Lord!
Let the soles of our feet touch the rivers we ford.
Baptism blessings for our new beginnings
Yes, me and my house, we dare
To serve the Lord.**

We respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV#161 I Have Called You By Your Name

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#375 Spirit of Gentleness

*Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Postlude

Today's Announcements

~ **SCRIPTURE** John 6: 56-69 p.98

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

~ **Special thanks** to Michelle Suzanne, *soloist* for her gift of music today.

~ **UPCOMING WORSHIP**

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!

~ **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.

~ CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED FOR SEPTEMBER!

If you're looking for a rewarding way to share your talents please consider getting involved in our church Sunday school which will restart Sept 13/15. We are looking for 2 or 3 new teachers this fall; no experience is necessary!

For more info, contact the School Coordinators: Pat Roy - patroy57@hotmail.ca or Doug Blackburn - barcikblackburn@yahoo.ca 416-662-0460

~ Sat. October 3 at 8pm: BOOGIE THROUGH THE 70'S ACCESSIBILITY FUNDRAISER!

Get Up and Boogie! Join the Eastminster Choir & Friends on October 3rd at 8pm to sing and dance the night away! Boogie through the 70's to the incredible beats of Scott's Great Band as we raise funds for Eastminster's Accessibility project. Cash bar, outta sight finger foods, totally tubular cakes. Bring extra cash for the amazing silent auction! For tickets please contact Diana Hilton. Cost \$50 per person. Please spread the word and invite family and friends, we need a full house to make this a successful event.

~ SILENT AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

The Choir would like your help in raising money for the accessibility project for our church building. At our 70's Cabaret on Oct 3rd (see above) we are once again holding a silent auction and we need your help with donations.

Are you a great gardener willing to offer some hours of your time?

Are you willing to offer baby-sitting time?

Maybe you have some artwork that you are tired of looking at?

Do you have a cottage that you may feel comfortable offering some time at for the auction block?

Donations can include anything from your time to your knowledge to your products.

If you have any contributions for the auction, please contact Laura Cory at: dla619@rogers.com or 416-465-3297..... Thanks!

~ INFO. UPDATES

Please don't forget to let the church office (eastminster@bellnet.ca) know of any changes to your email, phone no's (including emergency contacts & cells), and home addresses so we can keep the data files up to date, thank you!

~ YOUR PICTURES & PHOTO'S ARE NEEDED!!

Hi everyone, we are now working on getting all of Eastminster's pictures into photo galleries for the website. Please send us any that you have that showcase the great events and fun times we've had at Eastminster over the years!.. (Please include year & event) Send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca or put them on a memory stick and drop them in the office. Thanks!

~ OBSERVER MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

For any address updates, name changes or to cancel your subscription to the Observer, please contact Marilou directly at: reception@ucobserver.org or call her at 416-960-8500 x 221.

~ 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. Please email clothing@tcrc.ca or call 416-363-4234 ext. 243 if you have any questions. (See wish list at end of Bulletin)

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

Please send to: eastminster@bellnet.ca ~

Eastminster Events

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

Five sessions from 7-8:30pm every other Tuesday **beginning Sept. 15**, with 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!

~ 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/>

~ 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

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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

CRC: DONATIONS WISH LIST

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

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