



Eastminster United Church
September 20, 2015
Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"There's really no such thing as the voiceless. There are only the deliberately silenced, or the preferably unheard."
-Arundhati Roy

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Jill Holroyd

*Opening Hymn MV#216 Wherever you May Go

Lighting the Christ Candle

adapted from Debra Faulk, *UU Words for Worship*

One: We light this candle, symbolic of the warmth of community and the brightness that love brings to the world, illuminating our search for justice and peace.

All: Here in our midst is this flame, so tiny and so significant

Opening Prayer

adapted from the words of Lawrence McGinty

Holy God, we come bringing our boldest dreams,

seeking here the inspiration and strength to make them be!

We come hoping to bury broken dreams,

to be sustained through their pain and to discover new ones amidst their tears.

We come here lonely, isolated from meaningful human contact,

searching for warmth, connection and care.

We seek here challenges, greater wholeness and deeper meanings.

We enter this place trusting that what happens here will make a difference in our lives. Amen

The Peace Shared

Prayer Ribbons

The children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture

2 Kings 24

Ruth 1:1-17

One:

The word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Love in Community

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

A Song of Paul

para. John Bell, arr. Alfred V. Fedak

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn

For Everyone Born

S.E. Murray, B. Mann, Arr. S. Pietrangelo

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

*Dedication Prayer

Faith Story

Chi Nguyen

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

Charles Brown

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn For All the Faithful Women

H.G. Stuempfle Jr.

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing We Receive your Blessing

Grace & Natasha Moes

We re - ceive your blessing, we re - ceive your grace, as we walk in the light — shining
from your — face. May the peace that you give — change the way that we live; — we re -
ceive your bles - sing as we leave this place. *Fine* Praise God — from whom all
blessings flow; Praise God, — all creatures here be - low; praise — God — a - bove, ye
heav' - nly hosts; — praise Father, Son, — and praise the Hol y Ghost. We re

Postlude

Today's Announcements

~ SCRIPTURES ~

2 Kings 24 p. 358

Ruth 1:1-17

p. 241

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

Our services in September focus on stories of refugees and migrants, both biblical and modern. We welcome guests from the East End Refugee Committee on September 27. On October 4 we celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday: Making Room at the Table and our preacher will be Jim Patterson! We celebrate Thanksgiving on October 11!

~ SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE at 10:15am

Refreshments will be served before the service begins. Please feel free to bring your coffee into the sanctuary during the service and share the warm hospitality of your church!

~ TODAY! POTLUCK LUNCH & COMMITTEE FAIR

Join us following service for a potluck lunch and to learn about the different committees and groups here at Eastminster!

~ TODAY! CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS

Classes start up again today for grades JK through high school during the service - just follow the crowd headed downstairs part way through the service! Questions or ideas? Contact

Pat Roy, patroy57@hotmail.ca or Doug Blackburn, doughblackburn@gmail.com (416 662 0460)

~ TOMORROW! FOLK MUSIC GROUP

The Eastminster Folk Music Group will be re-starting their meetings Monday, September 21 from 7:00 to 9:00 on the Auditorium Stage. Everyone is welcome, even if you don't play an instrument and only want to sing. Questions? Contact Alan Munn - lamunn@pathcom.com Meetings will be every second Monday.

~ REFUGEES

Do you want to help with Refugee Sponsorship? Please speak to Joy Klopp or contact her at:
joyklopp4@gmail.com

~ REV. SARAH will be away from September 22 until October 3 following surgery.

For pastoral care concerns during this time, please contact Rev. Michael Cottrell from Kimbourne Park United Church at 416-880-8124, michael.cottrell@rogers.com

~ HILARY will be away from September 23-30

Hilary will be attending two sacred music continuing education events, in New York and Dallas. She will participate in a workshop gathering for Music that Makes Community, a not-for-profit organization which connects a worldwide network of practitioners and leaders who share a practice of paperless song leading (www.musicthatmakescommunity.org). They are gathering their leaders to further develop pedagogy practices, and to vision for the future of the organization. Next, Hilary will be at the 50th anniversary symposium for the Sacred Music programme at her alma mater, Perkins School of Theology. This meeting will be a chance to connect with musicians and scholars of church music, trade ideas about music ministry in contemporary practice, and come home with some exciting new music! Hilary has been invited to speak on a panel entitled "Vocational Witnesses from the 21st Century."

~ JANE (Youth & Intergenerational Ministry) will be away from September 22 - October 3

Almost time to put on those

BOOGIE WOOGIE DANCING SHOES!!



~ BOOGIE THROUGH THE 70'S ACCESSIBILITY FUNDRAISER!

Have you purchased your tickets yet? Don't miss out. Join the Eastminster Choir



and Friends on October 3rd at 8:00 to sing and dance the night away! Boogie through the 70's to the incredible beat 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, or to purchase tickets, drop by and see Sue in the church office Tues-Fri 9.30-3pm. Cost \$50 per person and you get a \$40 tax receipt. Please spread the word, invite family & friends, we need a full house to make this a successful event! Check out the scoop & share with your friends at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/945833995455157/>

~ SILENT AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT..... shhhhhh..... SOLD!!

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, contact Laura Cory at: dla619@rogers.com / 416-465-3297..... Thanks!



~ 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.

~ **THE ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE** for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: **Wednesday at 9am.**

Please send to: eastminster@bellnet.ca

Eastminster Events

~ 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/>

~ **Thurs. Sept 24 from 6-8.30pm: LIGHT THE WAY TORONTO VIGIL FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**
Bring your own light and join in with people here and around the world at dusk on September 24, as we light the way to a sustainable future. Info at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/867151026709310/>

On September 24, the night before the UN's Sustainable Development Goals are announced and Pope Francis speaks to the UN, tens of thousands - or even hundreds of thousands - of people around the world

will stand together UNDER ONE SKY to LIGHT THE WAY to a better world. Join us and shine a light on the commitments about to be made so that the world knows about them and every world leader knows that we'll be watching every step of the way to ensure they are met!!

This same evening, the City of Toronto is hosting an event inside Innis Town Hall from 7-8:30 called Talk Transformation! on climate change resiliency and adaptation strategies, "Preparing Toronto for an Extreme Weather Future - Community and Infrastructure Resilience". Register free at:

<http://toronto.ca/transformto>.

Supported by Canadian Interfaith Fast for the Climate, ClimateFast, OurVoices, Action/2015 and Fast for the Climate. #LightTheWay

~ Sept 25-27: YOUTH FALL RETREAT - CAMP BIG CANOE

Join youth grades 7 through high school for a weekend of fun and discovery at this United Church camp near Bracebridge. All the regular camp fun plus good conversations and connections. In collaboration with area United Churches and supported by Toronto Southeast Presbytery. Cost is \$75 (\$50 for siblings) and includes bus transportation. Contact Doug Blackburn, doughblackburn@gmail.com (416 662 0460)

~ Fri. September 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

~ Tues. September 29 at 7pm: THE JEWISH HOLY DAY OF SUKKOT & THE PLIGHT OF REFUGEES

Join Rabbi Miriam and the Danforth Multifaith Committee, for celebration, learning, and discussion in the DJC sukkah. Along with members of the Eastminster United Church community, we will learn about the holy day of Sukkot - the festival of temporary dwellings, precariousness, and harvest - and explore this powerful symbol and practice in relation to contemporary refugee issues. Dress warmly - it can be chilly outside at the end of September! **RSVP: info@djctoronto.com.**

Please speak to Bruce Chown if you can help with refreshments.

~ Sun. October 4 at 12 noon: JUSTICE MINISTRIES MEETING

~ Mon. Oct. 5 7-9pm: FOLK MUSIC GROUP

Everyone is welcome, even if you don't play an instrument and only want to sing. If you have questions contact Alan Munn at: lamunn@pathcom.com. Meetings will be every second Monday, meet on the Auditorium Stage.

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

Tues. October 6 from 7-8:30pm: Subsequent sessions on 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**.

For electronic copies please email: cameron.thomson@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

~ Wed. October 7 at 7pm: COUNCIL MEETING

~ Thurs. October 8 at 10.40: CHESTER VILLAGE SERVICE

Please speak to Rev. Sarah if you would like to help out.

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Fall Youth Retreat Discovery@ Camp Big Canoe! September 25 to 27th 2015

“Why fit in when you were born to stand out!” Dr. Seuss

Depart Toronto - Friday @ 6pm / Return - Sunday @ 3:30pm

Location - Camp Big Canoe, Bracebridge, ON

Supported by Toronto Southeast Presbytery, United Church of Canada



Discover new friends,
new skills to live by,
and new ways to
look at your world.



For Youth, Grades 7+ / Cost: \$75 per person (\$50 for siblings)
Transportation: School bus (Hammond Transportation)
Register by Sept 20th / contact your Youth Leader or Tanya: t.wiles.bell@gmail.com