



Eastminster United Church
October 11, 2015
Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost
Thanksgiving

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"Real poverty is the belief that the purpose of life is acquiring wealth and owning things. Real wealth is not the possession of property but the recognition that our deepest need, as human beings, is to keep developing our natural and acquired powers to relate to other human beings." - Grace Lee Boggs

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Catharine Saxberg

*Opening Hymn VU#227 For the Fruit of All Creation

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

On this day of bounty we remember all of those who do not have enough, who are afraid, who are lonely, and who suffer. We long for the abundance of this world to be shared, for fear to become love, for the lonely to feel welcomed, and for the suffering to know rest and joy.

We give thanks for the nourishment of our spirit, the challenges that strengthen us, and the friends we have on the journey. Amen.

Introit

Grateful

John Bucchino

Children's Time

The Children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 2:5-25

Neil Riach

One:

The word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Gratitude

Rev. Sarah Miller

*This is the day the Lord hath made.
I will rejoice, lift up my voice.
This is the day the Lord hath made.
I will rejoice, lift up my voice,
sing a new anthem of grace.
This is a day made for praise!*

*This is a day of great jubilation.
The joy of life has been restored!
Raise a glorious song of great celebration.
Declare the glory of the Lord!*

Alleluia! This is a day made for praise!

*Alleluia! I will rejoice, make a joyful noise,
lift up my voice, sing a new anthem of praise,
This is a day made for praise!*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV#187 We Give Our Thanks to God

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

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

Sung Prayer Response VU#545 You Nourish Us

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU#518 As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought

*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

~ SCRIPTURE ~

Genesis 2:5-25 p. 2

~ **This week we welcome Darrin Hicks (trumpet)** of the Toronto Community Orchestra. Thank you for sharing your gift of music today.

~ 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!

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

For the month of October our theme is Stewardship. On October 18 our preacher will be Judith Ramsay. We hear about the work of the wider church on October 25. November 1 we join East End Churches for a service together at Kimbourne Park United Church.

~ ACCESSIBILITY FUND ENVELOPES

New Donation Envelopes have been set up and are now available if you would like to make a donation to the Accessibility Project Fund.

~ THE JAMIE RAY FARRAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN SACRED MUSIC

Eastminster is pleased to announce the 2015–2016 Jamie Ray Farrar Memorial Scholarship in Sacred Music. The Scholarship is designated for a post-secondary student, studying Music, Performance or Church Music Performance. The successful candidate will have an appreciation for both traditional and contemporary music, and will receive mentorship, as well as leadership and performance opportunities, under the leadership of the music ministry team. It is a great opportunity to gain practical experience in the art of church music in a vibrant community. Full application details are available on our website at: www.eastminsteruc.org. *Applications should be sent by October 15, 2015* to Hilary Donaldson at: music.eastminster@bellnet.ca

~ OUT OF THE COLD (OOTC)

OOTC begins again on Nov. 6th and we are expecting capacity numbers. We appreciate your ongoing financial and volunteer support. Eastminster has a breakfast team (6-8:30 a.m.) led by Chris Bennett and an evening team (8:30 - 11 p.m.) led by Judith Ramsey. If you would like to volunteer for a dinner or clothing room shift or you would like to contribute desserts, please sign up individually on *Volunteerspot*. Sign up information is available on our website: <http://www.eastminsteruc.org/out-of-the-cold/>

This year we are accepting donations of *very specific clothing items only* to better meet the needs of our guests. Please check the list on our website. We need a volunteer(s) who can pick up, wash and return 50 pillowcases each week. Please contact me (Gloria McPherson) if you can help with this. eastminsterootc.coordinator@gmail.com

~ Mon. October 19 from 9.30am-9.30pm: ELECTION DAY... Don't forget to VOTE!

Information about registering to vote and the identification required for voting can be found at elections.ca also see more details on last page of the bulletin from Beth Baskin.

~ PHOTO'S OF THE 70's FUNDRAISER WANTED!

Did you take pictures of the 70's Accessibility Fundraiser? Would you like to share them? If so, please send them to Sue at eastminster@bellnet.ca so we can get them into the website. Thanks!

~ REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FUND

New Donation Envelopes have been set up and are now available if you would like to make a donation to Eastminster's Refugee Sponsorship Fund. Please speak to Joy Klopp or joyklopp4@gmail.com

Up Coming Eastminster Events

~ Mon. October 12: Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!

~ Tues. October 13: STUDY SERIES: BULLIES, GOSSIPS, GODS, & SCAPEGOATS

Meet in the Parlour. (Full details of the series at www.eastminsteruc.org under "What's Happening")

~ Tues. October 13 at 7pm: PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

~ UPDATE & VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED ~

Wed. Oct. 14 at 6pm: ALL AGES CHURCH NIGHT- THE TABLE WHERE RICH PEOPLE SIT

The evening will kick off with a potluck (please bring enough to share with everyone) followed by a night of storytelling and reflection based on the book "The Table Where Rich People Sit" by Byrd Baylor.

This night is open to everyone at Eastminster, so please come out and show your support for

Jane's (our newly hired Youth & Intergenerational Ministry worker) first church event!

If you can help with set-up and facilitate some activities, or for info. email Jane at janesanden@bellnet.ca

~ Mon. October 19 from 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.

~ UPDATE: Fri. October 23 at 7pm: EUC READS! BOOK CLUB

Book: THE BEST LAID PLANS **Canadian Author:** Terry Fallis **Moderator:** Cheryl Suttie.

Just in time for the federal election! Winner of The Stephen Leacock Humour Award and Canada Reads.

Irreverent and sophisticated political satire on Ottawa and Canadian political life. 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

Next Meeting: Nov. 20 @ 7pm. **Book:** *The Red Tent* **Author:** Anita Diamant **Moderator:** Christine Hanlan

~ Fri. & Sat. October 23 & 24: GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER!

Check your calendar and make sure you're available for either **Friday, Oct 23 or Saturday, Oct 24**. It's time again for one of Eastminster's most popular traditions – the dinner party weekend that surprises both hosts and guests!

People who want to host sign up, people who want to be guests sign up, then the Dinner Party Genie matches up names and tells guests where to go and when – but not whose house

they'll be visiting for dinner! It's a great way to get to know other members of your faith community.

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. For more information, contact Harry Miller at

maryandharrymiller@gmail.com or 416-694-6301

~ Sun. October 25 following the service: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

~ Tues. October 27 at 7pm: STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

~ Tues. Oct. 27 from 7-8.30pm: STUDY SERIES: BULLIES, GOSSIPS, GODS & SCAPEGOATS

Meet in the Parlour. (Full details of the series at www.eastminsteruc.org under "What's Happening")

~ Wed. October 28 at 7pm: WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

~ Wed. Nov. 18 at 7pm: NEW SPEAKER SERIES: "HEROD THE GREAT, THE IVAN THE TERRIBLE OF ANTIQUITY" Join us for the third Ancient History Talk led by Enrico De Dominicis

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

Please send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca

**** Note: Sue will not be in the Office on Friday October 9 & Tuesday October 13 ****

Weekly Events

Mondays: 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office

Thursdays: 6:00 - 6:45pm Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour

7:30 - 9.30pm Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

From Our Friends



~ Thurs. October 15 from 6:30 - 9:30 pm: EMERGENCY TRAINING WORKSHOP ~

Christ Church Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St. (Yonge & Heath St. - 1 block from St. Clair & Yonge subway stn.) Divisional Director, The Salvation Army, Emergency Disaster Services, will lead a free three hour workshop, to teach you and your congregation how to prepare and act safely in an emergency; blackout, flood or extreme weather event.

Note: This is Part 2 of a series; participants completing both parts will be given a certificate, courtesy of The Salvation Army and Faith & the Common Good.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

1. Preparation of Your Congregation in advance of an Emergency; how to prepare and organize your congregation; assignment of their roles and responsibilities
2. Preparation of your Building: energy conservation and basic steps to disaster proof your faith building and your home; suggested list of emergency supplies and equipment
3. Collaboration with Community Partners; role that government agencies and other partners play during an emergency

Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/news-flash-rick-shirran-national-director-emergency-disaster-services-the-salvation-army-presenting-tickets-18419113063> Please register by: **Tuesday, Oct. 13th.** Information: Donna Lang at dlang@faith-commongood.net

~ Sat. October 24 at 2pm: DANNY KING OF THE BASEMENT

Reading to advocate for *Keep the Promise* at Trinity-St. Paul's United Church (427 Bloor Street West, Toronto) This staged reading of David Craig's *Danny King of the Basement* will be held to draw attention to the issues of child poverty. Following the reading of this multi-award winning internationally successful play there will be a panel discussion on the issues. *Keep the Promise* (keepthepromise.ca), Campaign 2000 (www.campaign2000.ca) & Trinity-St. Paul's (www.trinitystpauls.ca)

are presenting the play and panel to remind the Canadian Government of its 25-year-old promise to end child poverty & to encourage citizens to advocate for action. Tickets: \$15 at www.trinitystpauls.ca \$20 at the door, under 18 FREE

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~ The October 19th Federal Election provides people of faith with an opportunity to help create a better community for all of us.

In Jeremiah 29:7, we are told to seek the welfare of the communities where God has placed us; in Luke 10:28, Jesus commands us to love our neighbours "as ourselves".

With these scriptures in mind we have 2 weeks remaining to inject compassion and care for the other into the election conversation and ultimately into the party platforms and the voting choices of our peers.

Questions to ask your candidates at the door

- 1) In what specific ways will you invite and encourage the private sector to be partners with government in a national strategy to address economic justice and eliminate poverty in Canada?
- 2) Do you think climate justice is important? If you do, what strategies will your government implement to regain Canada's international leadership role in climate justice?
- 3) As you are aware, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) has issued 94 calls to action, including a number related to education. The churches have begun responding to their calls from the TRC. What immediate steps will your government take to eliminate the substantial discrepancies between the per student federal funding for First Nations youth in the schools on the reserves and the per student funding for the youth in provincial schools?

* Find your riding with your postal code:

<http://www.elections.ca/scripts/vis/FindED?L=e&PAGEID=20>

* Make sure you are a registered voter:

<http://www.elections.ca/content.aspx?section=vot&dir=reg&document=index&lang=e>

* **2015 United Church of Canada Federal Election Kit** An election is a key opportunity to evaluate political issues through the lens of our faith, and help shape the leadership of our country by engaging in the political process.

<http://united-church.ca/files/getinvolved/takeaction/2015-election-kit.pdf>

* **Federal Election Resource** prepared by several ecumenical organizations to inform & challenge all who are participating in the 2015 Canadian election. Subjects include climate justice, criminal justice, & poverty to name but a few. [https://www.councilofchurches.ca/wp-](https://www.councilofchurches.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/CCC_FederalElectionResource_FINAL_WEB_REV.pdf)

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* **Compassion, Justice and Reason: An Anglican Approach to Election 2015** is a new non-partisan resource offers support for Canadian Anglicans to engage with parties and candidates on a range of vital issues rooted in shared prosperity and protecting the most vulnerable members of society.

<http://www.anglican.ca/publicwitness/election2015/resource/>

* **Additional issue specific resources & questions:** <https://growingjustice.wordpress.com/federal-election/>

October 2015 - the Social Justice Project bbaskin@united-church.ca with input from many!