



Eastminster United Church
October 18, 2015
Twenty First Sunday after
Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"Many persons have a wrong idea about what constitutes real happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose." - Helen Keller

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Dale Hildebrand

*Opening Hymn VU#264 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

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 *Gathering*, by Elaine Bidgood Sweet

Centre us in this space, Holy God.

Draw us entirely here.

Position our bodies, focus our minds,

let us drop the burdens we carry.

Open us to your Spirit. Amen.

The Peace Shared

Introit

Children's Choir

Presentation of the Ballie Award

Pam Lock

The Children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 78 (VU #792)

Jonathan Lin

Greek Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16

One:

The word of Hope.

All:

Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Why I Give

Judith Ramsay

Anthem

The Storm is Passing Over

Charles A. Tindley, arr. Barbara W. Baker

*Have courage, my soul
and let us journey on
For the night is dark,
and I am far from home
Thanks be to God
the morning light appears*

*The storm is passing over,
hallelu!

Hallelujah,
the storm is passing over,
hallelu!*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn VU#307 Touch the Earth Lightly

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

*Dedication Prayer

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

Dale Hildebrand

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU#701 What Does the Lord Require

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing VU#884 You Shall Go Out with Joy

Postlude

Today's Announcements

~ SCRIPTURES ~

Psalm 78 (VU #792)

Matthew 5:13-16 *p. 4*

In Memory of John Day

It is with sadness that I share the news that John Day died on Monday at home. Our prayers are with his daughters Katelyn and Anna and their mother Tamara. John's obituary follows:

John Cosby Day, suddenly at home October 10th, 2015. Greatly loved father to Katelyn and Anna, former husband and current friend of Tamara, amazing uncle to Catherine, Graham, Lizz, Izzy, Jozsi, Keira, Finn, favourite brother to Ruth, dearly loved son of Sheila and Duke, aimé affectueusement par Lise.

John was a brilliant creator and solver of puzzles, a talented player and lover of music, a gifted conceiver and expresser of art, and an inspired and creative chef. His quick and clever wit and contagious sense of humour endeared him to all. His thoughtfulness, generosity and kindness were given freely and frequently to his friends and family. He loved deeply and without reservation.

A celebration of John's life will be held November 8th at 1pm, at Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Ave, Toronto eastminsteruc.org

~ 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.

~ COFFEE TIME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you enjoy the coffee, tea and snacks after (and now before!) the service each Sunday, please consider volunteering to provide the snacks and serve the beverages. We have a number of Sundays between now and the end of the year for which we don't have volunteers, and so our hardworking team needs your help. We'll also need extra volunteers for the Christmas holidays. Please send an e-mail to Doug Harris (dharris@iroc.ca) to express your interest. It would be especially appreciated if you can volunteer in pairs!

~ 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 info. 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.

~ AGNES OF GOD PRODUCTION

Eastminster will be producing a play, Agnes of God, as part of our accessibility project fundraising efforts during the 2016 Lenten season.

Agnes of God, a play with three cast members, explores fundamental issues of spirituality vs. obsession, miracles vs. magical thinking, and faith vs. doubt. The play will run for several nights: Wednesday, April 27th; Friday, April 29th; Saturday, April 30th; and Sunday, May 1st (the latter date we include two performances, one being a matinee).

All performances will be followed by talk-back sessions. Our hope is that this will give audience members an opportunity to engage with the play in a meaningful way.

If you are interested in participating—either through acting, stage-managing, costume-design, props-handling, lighting- or sound-technology, etc.—then please contact Jennifer Thomson as soon as possible. Her email address is jenn.thomson@gmail.com

Up Coming Eastminster Events

~ 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.

~ 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 Info contact Harry Miller maryandharrymiller@gmail.com or 416-694-6301

~ 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: Fri. November 20 @ 7pm: Book: The Red Tent **Author:** Anita Diamant **Moderator:** Christine Hanlan. Don't miss out! Buy your book from us for \$ 11.75 (arriving next week). Email Carolyn: info@neilandcarolyn.com to order. Note: not available at the library for the November meeting (it's such a well-loved modern classic read worldwide). Based on an almost obscure woman cited in the book of Genesis, the author recreates the biblical time in a fascinating story portraying the little-known life of women at that time and their huge role in society. John Brown says this as an excellent read!

~ Sun. October 25 following the service: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

~ Tues. October 27 from 7-8.30pm: STUDY SERIES: BULLIES, GOSSIPS, GODS & SCAPEGOATS
Meet in the Parlour (Full details at www.eastminsteruc.org under "What's Happening")

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

~ Mon. November 2 from 7-9pm: FOLK MUSIC GROUP (*see Oct. 19 for details*)

~ Sun. November 8 at 1pm: CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR JOHN DAY

~ Tues. November 10 from 7-8.30pm: STUDY SERIES: BULLIES, GOSSIPS, GODS & SCAPEGOATS

~ Wed. November 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY

~ Mon. November 16 from 7-9pm: FOLK MUSIC GROUP

~ Wed. November 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

~ Tues. November 24 from 7-8.30pm: STUDY SERIES: BULLIES, GOSSIPS, GODS & SCAPEGOATS
Final session in this series.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: **Wednesday at 9am**
Please send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays:	6:00 - 6:45pm 7:30 - 9.30pm	Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

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