

Eastminster United Church October 4, 2015 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worldwide Communion

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"Optimism is a strategy for making a better future. Because unless you believe that the future can be better, you are unlikely to step up and take responsibility for making it so." - Noam Chomsky.

We Gather as God's People

Prelude Trio No. 1 in C major, Andante Alessandro Besozzi

Words of Welcome Norman Tanaka

*Opening Hymn MV#154 Deep in Our Hearts

Lighting the Christ Candle

All:

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.

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

Opening Prayer adapted from Lindsey Bates

Holy one, we open our minds to the challenge new ideas; open our hearts to the healing of love, open our lives to the calling of conscience, open our souls to the comfort of joy.

Astonished by the miracle of life, grateful for the gift of fellowship, confident in the power of living faith, we are here gathered. Amen

Introit For the Troubles and the Sufferings of the World Rodolfo Gaede trans. Jorge Lockward, Simei Monteiro

The Peace Shared / Prayer Ribbons

The Children are invited to Church School.

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew/Greek Scriptures Job 1:1; 2:1–10 Cameron Thomson

Mark 10: 2-16

One: The word of Hope.

All: Thanks be to God!

Anthem

God Help the Outcasts

I don't know if you can hear me Or if you're even there I don't know if You would listen To a gypsy's prayer Yes, I know I'm just an outcast I shouldn't speak to you Still I see your face and wonder: Were you once an outcast too? God help the outcasts
Hungry from birth
Show them the mercy
They don't find on earth
God help my people
We look to You still
God help the outcasts
Or nobody will

Alan Menken, Stephen Schwarz

I ask for nothing,
I can get by
But I know so many
less lucky than I
Please help my people,
the poor and down trod
I thought we all were
the children of God
God help the outcasts,
children of God

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn

Las mesas partidas/ These Tables Divided are Better United World Council of Churches, English: John Thornburg & Dr. Roberto Escamilla









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

We Celebrate Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift our hearts in prayer. One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Sung Responses MV#203,204,205 Kingsfold Communion Set

Breaking, Pouring, Sharing

Hymns during Communion MV#202 Bread for the Journey

Welcome Table

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of

these days, hallelujah!

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table,

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of

these days!

Additional verses:

I'm gonna eat with my sisters and brothers...

We're gonna feast on milk and honey...

Here all the world will find a welcome...

Prayer Following Communion

Holy God, we are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life.

We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Amen.

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn Alleluia Traditional, Palestine

*Blessing & Sending Forth



Postlude

Trio Sonata No. 8, Op., Allegro

Tommaso Albinoni

Today's Announcements

~ SCRIPTURES ~

Job 1:1; 2:1–10 **p. 453** Mark 10: 2–16 **p. 46**

~ **SPECIAL THANKS** to guest preacher Jim Patterson, and to Toronto Community Orchestra's Bonnie Sheckter (cello), Jennifer Jones (oboe) and Marshall Walker (violin) for sharing their gifts 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!

~ TODAY at 12 noon: JUSTICE MINISTRIES MEETING

~ UPCOMING WORSHIP

Next Sunday, October 11 we celebrate Thanksgiving!

~ LOOKING FOR SOME ITEMS... CAN YOU HELP? ~

Eastminster is a member of the East End Refugee Committee (EERC) along with 8 other east end churches, which sponsors refugees from all over the world. Currently, we are awaiting the arrival of a refugee family of 4 from Ethiopia via South Africa. The family includes a father, mother, 3-year-old boy and 9 month-old girl. Below is a list of items we still need to collect for the family.

We don't know their exact date of arrival but hope it will be in 2015.

If you have any questions, or can help out with needed items, please see Joy Klopp or any other member of the Social Justice Committee.

(There is a space at Eastminster for storage of items for the Ethiopian refugee family.)

Wish List

Queen size comforter (if queen futon is used as a bed)

Mattress covers-single bed and queen size

Pillows - 3

Towels & face cloths

Ladies clothing-do not know size yet

Men's clothes-do not know size yet

Clothes-3 year old boy (We have some.)

Clothes-9 month old girl

Books & toys-3 year old boy (We have some.)

~ <u>UPDATE:</u> REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FUND

New Donation Envelopes have been set up and are now available if you would like to make a donation to Eastminsters Refugee Sponsorship Fund. Please speak to Joy Klopp or contact her at: **joyklopp4@gmail.com** for more information.

~ 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.

Up Coming Eastminster Events

~ Mon. October 5 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.

- ~ Tues. October 6 from 7-8:30pm: STUDY SERIES: BULLIES, GOSSIPS, GODS, & SCAPEGOATS Meet in the Parlour. (See full details of the series on the website at *www.eastminsteruc.org* under "What's Happening")
- ~ 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.
- ~ Mon. October 12: THANKSGIVING!



~ Tues. October 13: STUDY SERIES: BULLIES, GOSSIPS, GODS, & SCAPEGOATS
Subsequent sessions on Oct. 27, & Nov. 10. Meet in the Parlour.
(See full details of the series on the website at *www.eastminsteruc.org* under "What's Happening")

~ Wed. October 14 at 6pm: CHURCH NIGHT

The evening will kick off with a potluck (please bring enough to share with everyone) followed by an intergenerational program that is open to everyone. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help set-up and facilitate some activities, please email Jane at *janesanden@bellnet.ca*

~ Mon. October 19 from 7-9pm: FOLK MUSIC GROUP

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~ 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*

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

Sign-up sheets for this fun filled event are now in the narthex. More details coming soon!

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

~ Fri. Oct. 16 from 6-8.30pm & Sat. Oct. 17 from 10.30-5pm: THE ANNUAL RIVERDALE ART SHOW Saint Barnabas Church (our neighbours across the street – 361 Danforth Ave.) are extending a warm invitation to all to come out and enjoy their 27th Annual Art Show & Sale which showcases local artists work. Also, new this year is 'Square Foot' Forward! 12 x 12" square paintings for only \$130. Admission is Free! Entrance off Hampton. Info at: **www.saintbarnabas.com** (see poster on Community Board)

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