

# Eastminster United Church

## January 31, 2016

### Fourth after Epiphany

\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"Each day we're presented with the opportunity to reveal Christ by how we choose to make sense of the events of our lives: we either create myths or write parables." ~ Marc Doucet*

#### We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Susan Bower

\*Opening Hymn MV#28 God of the Bible

Lighting the Christ Candle

*adapted from U.U. Words for Worship*

One: We light this candle to affirm that new light is ever waiting to break through to enlighten our ways

All: **May we be open to this light, and to the rich possibilities that it brings us.**

Opening Prayer

**God, you call to us today and your call reaches within each of us. Some of us bring questions, some bring excitement and anticipation. For some of us you stir up challenge, for others you bring hope. For all the ways we experience your call to us, we give thanks. Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace

Children's Time

God is found "in between"

Rev. Marc Doucet

#### We Share in Word and Song

Scripture

Mark 6: 1-29

Charles Brown

One:

The word of Hope

All:

**Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

Epiphany: The parables that are being written in my life

Rev. Marc Doucet

Anthem

Companions in the Way

Andrew Donaldson

The one who saw the heavens torn apart,  
and knew God's kingdom close at hand,  
says "Bring your skill, your craft, your art;  
come, learn of me to fish on dry land."

Come, sculpt a psalm to shake, awaken  
Spirits into day,  
Let Word be bread, be strength, be life:  
befriend us, send us as companions in the Way.

The one who told a story, touched a nerve,  
gave those who heard new hearts to hear,  
made bread and fish a feast, to serve  
as vision of the kingdom coming near.

On donkey's back, he faced the Empire's sword,  
parable for all to see;  
with healing grace, inviting word:  
"God's realm is near; come, turn and follow me,"

The one who used a boat for sowing seed,  
a common coin to lay true motives bare,  
says, "Bring your gift, your heart, your need,  
Come, gather in my name, and I am there."

The one who turned the tables on the pure,  
where coin and earthly power staked their claim  
transforms a table to a door  
to open wide in welcome, in his name.

Come, dance thanksgiving, paint a prayer,  
Let loose the drums of joy;  
Come, pluck a riddle from the lute,  
Bake bread as Word raised high;

### We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: VU#670 Precious Lord, Take my Hand

*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

Connie Zehr

### We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

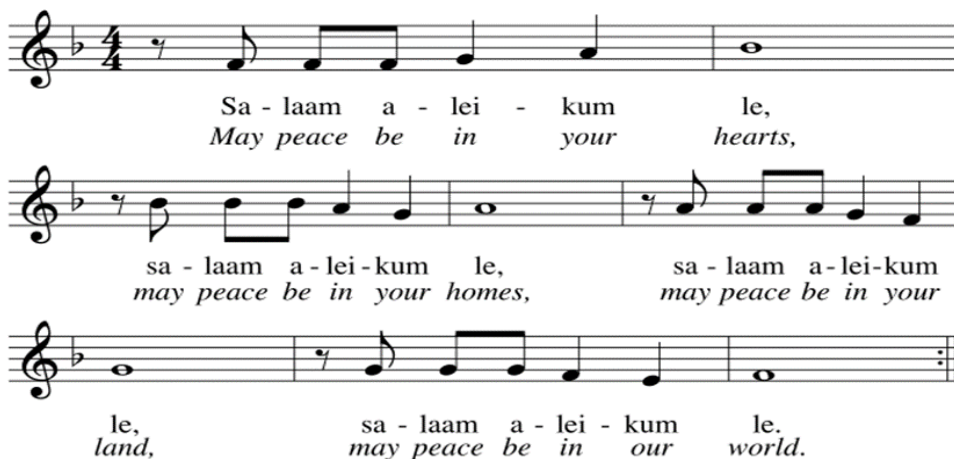
Susan Bower

\*Closing Hymn A Touching Place *(see last page of bulletin)*

John L. Bell, Graham Maule

\*Blessing & Sending Forth

\*Sung Blessing Salaam Aleikum



Sa - laam a - lei - kum le,  
May peace be in your hearts,  
sa - laam a - lei - kum le, sa - laam a - lei - kum  
may peace be in your homes, may peace be in your  
le, sa - laam a - lei - kum le.  
land, may peace be in our world.

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Postlude

# Today

## Scripture

Mark 6: 1-29 *p. 40*

\* **Today we welcome to the pulpit our own Rev. Marc Doucet.** Marc is the Manager of the Department of Spiritual Care at the University Health Network. University Health Network (UHN) is made up of Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Toronto General Hospital, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and Toronto Western Hospital. Each hospital retains its identity and name within the Network. He earned his B.A. and M.Div. degrees from the University of Toronto. He obtained his CASC Specialist Certification in 1993 and his CASC Teaching Supervisor Certification in 2001. Marc began his career in hospital ministry in 1989 at Hotel Dieu Hospital in Windsor, Ontario and has subsequently worked at Credit Valley and St. Michael's Hospitals and he came to UHN in 2003. Marc is a Registered Psychotherapist with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario (CRPO). He is a Doctor of Ministry Candidate, St. Stephen's College, University of Alberta, and Edmonton, and is currently the President of the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care (CASC/ACSS). Marc is an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada.

\* **Rev. Sarah will be away on Study Leave from Jan. 25 until Feb. 9** \*

Rev. Michael Cottrell, from Kimbourne Park United Church will be on call for pastoral care during that time. His contact info is: 416-880-8124, [michael.cottrell@rogers.com](mailto:michael.cottrell@rogers.com)

\* **Sue will be away from the office from Feb. 2 - Feb. 10** \*

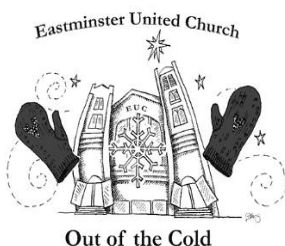
### \* **Welcome to Eastminster**

Please sign the new guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive weekly eblast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book in the Narthex. Children are invited to Nursery (up to age 4) and Church School following the Children's Time. Please pick up children from Church school and Nursery following the service.

### \* **Agnes of God Fundraiser!**

Eastminster is producing the play, *Agnes of God*, as part of our *accessibility project fundraising* efforts. *Agnes of God*, explores fundamental issues of spirituality vs. obsession, miracles vs. magical thinking, and faith vs. doubt. The play will run for several nights: Wednesday, April 27; Friday, April 29; Saturday, April 30; and Sunday, May 1 (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, we still need help in the following areas: stage-managing, costume-design, props-handling, lighting tech, set-construction, front-of-house, concession, ushering, etc. If you'd like to get involved please contact Jennifer Thomson as soon as possible. Her email is [jenn.thomson@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.thomson@gmail.com)

### \* **OOTC**



According to Japanese cleaning guru Marie Kondo we should all embrace minimalism, get rid of unneeded belongings in our lives and keep only those things that 'spark joy.' If you get on board with KonMari and want to experience the "Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up," the Out of the Cold Program is here to help you! We would love to have your donations of men's jeans and hoodies, winter coats and boots as well as all those current magazines and paperbacks overflowing your bookshelves.

## \* **Sunday Volunteers Needed!**

### **Worship**

We are always welcoming congregants to take a part in our worship service. Lay leadership roles include: greeters, servers for communion and offering collection, scripture readers, communion preparation (including bread baking), telling a children's story, composing and leading prayers of the people or sharing a faith story. Please consider this as your invitation to participate. Please speak to Susan Bower or Rev. Sarah Miller. Or add your name and contact details to the *new Worship signup binder* at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays.

### **Coffee**

Jesus shared food with his followers and friends. At Eastminster, we love to chat over coffee after the service, and to make that happen we need volunteers to serve coffee and tea, bring milk, cream, juice and snacks and to wash the dishes. Sign up with Marlene or Cathy.

A very **BIG THANK YOU** from Sue in the office to everyone for getting their reports for the 2015 Annual Report into the office by the deadline... it was very much appreciated!!

## **Eastminster Events**

### \* **Worship Services**

February 7 is transfiguration and our preacher will be Cameron Thomson. We begin our Lenten journey February 14, looking at the stories of gatherings at the table. Awkward tables, family tables, borrowed tables and overturned tables tell stories of relationship and community, or boundary crossing, exclusion and welcome. You don't want to miss a minute of worship at Eastminster!



### \* **Tues. Feb. 9 from 6-8pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras Fun!**

Spread the word! We'll be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with fun for both the kids and grown-ups alike! (not to mention eating delicious pancakes!) Our supper is open to all, it's PWYC! So why not invite a friend or two, bring your neighbour, just come out and have a great time!!

### \* **Tues. February 9 @ 7pm: Newcomers & Seekers: Exploring Faith, Doubt, Questions & Struggles.**

Who am I? What is creation? What is the future? and other big questions. This is a time for exploring the Christian faith with others in a small group setting. Starts at 7pm until 8.30pm at Eastminster United Church - 310 Danforth Ave. (in the Parlour) Presented by East End United, and led by Rev. Sarah Miller (Eastminster) & Rev. Robin Wardlaw (Glen Rhodes United Church). Meetings will continue again on April 12, & April 26. Please speak to Rev. Sarah Miller to register.

### \* **Thurs. February 11 @ 10.40am: Chester Village Service**

Please let Rev. Sarah know if you are able to help out.

### \* **Sunday February 14: Valentine's Day**

### \* **Mon. February 15: Family Day**

## \* **Sunday, March 6** \*

### **Eastminster's Annual General Meeting**

Please mark your calendars and plan to stay after the service for our Annual General Meeting.  
Childcare provided.

~ NOTICE ~

**There will be no Eblast on February 4.**

Announcement submissions for the **Feb. 11 Eblast** and **Feb. 14 Bulletin** are due in by:

**Wednesday Feb. 10 @ at 9am**

Send to Sue at: [eastminster@bellnet.ca](mailto:eastminster@bellnet.ca) Thanks!

## From our Friends

**\* Volunteer Driver Needed by CRC (Christian Resource Centre)**

CRC (Toronto Christian Resource Centre) is welcoming place where people work together to meet their basic needs, achieve personal growth and help create an inclusive and cohesive community in Regent Park. We are looking for a volunteer to drive CRC's van for 5-10 hours a week during business hours, to assist with picking up and delivering donations and other materials within the GTA.

Our volunteer driver (<http://tcrc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/Volunteer-Driver.pdf>) must have a valid G class Ontario license, have a clean driving record, and be comfortable driving a delivery van. For more information visit the volunteer page of our website at: <http://tcrc.ca/how-you-can-help/volunteer> or contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sonya at [volunteers@tcrc.ca](mailto:volunteers@tcrc.ca) or 416-363-4234 ext 234

**\* Social Justice Note Newsletter by: Beth Baskin**

Here is the link to Beth's great newsletter detailing all kinds of UCC and Multi Faith Social Justice Events, updates and activities. Well worth the read! Here is this weeks.

<http://us12.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ec2886c469026e92826d54b4&id=b76e8e573b>

## Weekly Events

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

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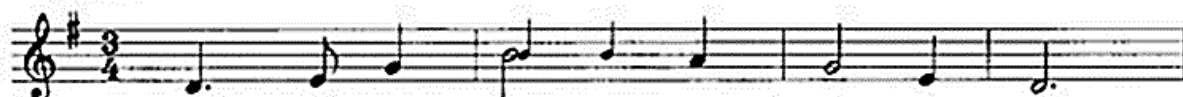
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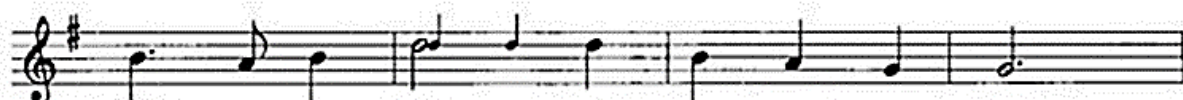
**Soloists:** Michelle Suzanne - *soprano*, Andrew Hodwitz - *bass*, Jeff Schissler - *tenor*, Joy Klopp - *alto*

# A Touching Place 640

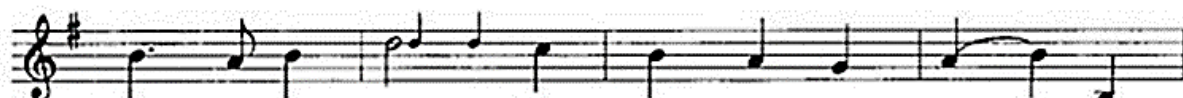
## Verses



1. Christ's is the world in which we move,
2. Feel for the peo - ple we most a - void,
3. Feel for the par - ents who've lost their child,
4. Feel for the lives by life con - fused,



Christ's are the folk we're sum-moned to love,  
 Strange or be - reaved or nev - er em - ployed;  
 Feel for the wom-en whom men have de - filed,  
 Rid - dled with doubt, in lov - ing a - bused;



Christ's is the voice which calls us to care, And  
 Feel for the wom-en, and feel for the men Who  
 Feel for the ba - by for whom there's no breast, And  
 Feel for the lone - ly heart, con - scious of sin, Which

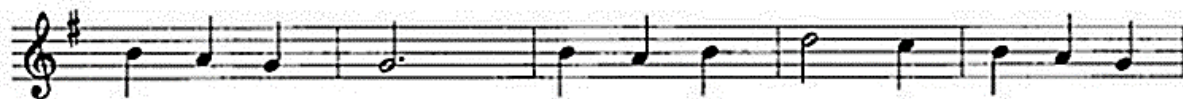


Christ is the one who meets us here.  
 fear that their liv - ing is all in vain.  
 feel for the wea - ry who find no rest.  
 longs to be pure but fears to be - gin.

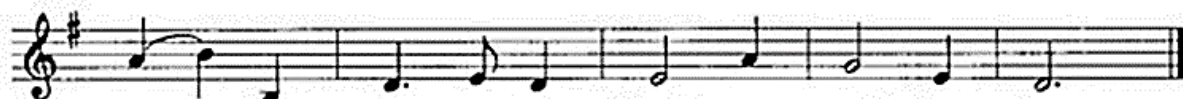
## Refrain



To the lost Christ shows his face; To the un - loved he



gives his em - brace; To those who cry in pain or dis -



grace, Christ makes, with his friends, a touch - ing place.