

Eastminster United Church

February 7, 2016

Fifth after Epiphany

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"When the crucified Jesus is called the 'image of the invisible God', the meaning is that this is God, and God is like this. God is not greater than he is in this humiliation. God is not more glorious than he is in this self-surrender. God is not more powerful than he is in this helplessness. God is not more divine than he is in this humanity" ~ Jürgen Moltmann, The Crucified God

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Jill Holroyd

*Opening Hymn VU#104 We Have Come at Christ's own Bidding

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 of gentleness and strength, you have created each of us to bring different gifts; free us to bravely share those gifts. You have made us all different. Help us to remember that we are all made in your image. In the diversity of this community, you call us to be one body. Help us to live out your call to be the body of Christ. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

Children's Time

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture

Mark 9: 2-13

Maya Brathwaite

One:

The word of Hope

All:

Thanks be to God!

Meditation

The Transfiguration of God

Cameron Thomson

Anthem

Climb with Christ the Mystic Mountain

French carol; text
by Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

Climb with Christ the mystic mountain,
veiled by clouds, yet bathed in light.
Join disciples bowed in wonder,
blinded by his garments bright.
What the source of such a radiance?
Shining here is Light from Light!

Follow Christ into the valley;
feel with him a father's pain,
crying for his son, afflicted,
"You can make him whole again!"
Be for Christ his present Body,
Healing still the people's pain!

Hear him speak with ancient prophets,
bearers of God's living Word.
Moses and Elijah greet him
as their people's promised Lord.
Then another Voice proclaims him:
"My own Son! Attend his Word!"

Raise to Christ transfigured, risen,
Hymns of triumph, songs of praise!
Tell to all the world his story;
trust and serve him all your days!
Offer Christ in all his splendor,
with your anthems, lives of praise!

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn: MV#20 God of Still Waiting

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

Cathy Forrest

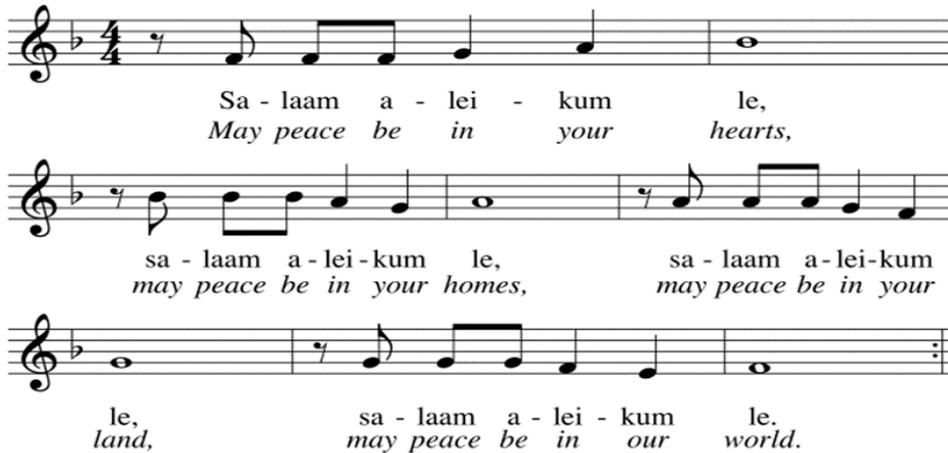
We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn MV#209 Go, Make a Difference

*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,
land, sa - laam a - lei - kum le.
may peace be in our world.

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Postlude

Today

Scripture

Mark 9: 2-13 p. 44

* **Today we welcome to the pulpit our own Cameron Thomson.** Cameron is a philosopher and theologian, a singer-songwriter, and a teller-of-tales. He holds a PhD in Philosophical Theology from the University of Edinburgh. He, his partner Jennifer, and their three daughters are so grateful for Eastminster, and for the many wonderful people that have come into their lives in the past two years. Cameron is particularly grateful for this opportunity to be speaking to you, today, on one of his favourite topics.

* **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**

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

* **Welcome to Eastminster**

Please sign the 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

* **Sunday Volunteers:**

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.

Eastminster Events

* **Worship Services**

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 ~

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 Thanks!

From our Friends

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

CRC (Toronto Christian Resource Centre) is a 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 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 important activities. Well worth the read! Here is this week's.

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

*** Youth Workshop – Video Camp**

The United Church of Canada and the Toronto Film Literacy Project are running a workshop for youth and another for young adults. Facilitators will be teaching skills for making films and telling stories. Group 1 (ages 18-25 – Feb 20 & 27) Group 2 (ages 17 & under – Feb 27) For more information, contact Sheryl at: sheryl@fairlawnaverueunited.ca.

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

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**Tuesday, February 9, 2016
at 6 p.m.**

Come for a

Pancake Supper



Pay what you can!

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