



Eastminster United Church

July 31, 2016

Eleventh after Pentecost

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"Stop for one whole day every week, and you will remember what it means to be created in the image of God, who rested on the seventh day not from weariness but from complete freedom. The clear promise is that those who rest like God find themselves free like God, no longer slaves to the thousand compulsions that send others rushing toward their graves."

- Barbara Brown Taylor

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Norm Tanaka

*Opening Hymn VU #305 Into the Unshaped Silence

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle to affirm that love is stronger than hate.

All: **We light this candle to share love.**

Opening Prayer

adapted from John Gibb Millspaugh

**We gather here leaving aside the little thoughts
that distract you from the depths of your soul,
For this is a holy place, and now is a holy time.**

Join with the others in this room, this community of seekers,

and together, let us find our Sabbath.

Amen

*Sharing the Peace

Children's Time

I Wish You

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-2:3

Lee Perry

One: The word of hope.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Meditation Sabbath

Rev. Sarah Miller

Solo The Dock of the Bay

Otis Redding & Steve Cropper

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV #84 In You There is a Refuge
Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.

*Dedication Prayer

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

Connie Zehr

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU #236 Now Thank We All Our God

*Blessing & Sending Forth

Postlude

Today

* Welcome to Eastminster



Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive the weekly eblast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also 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.

Special thanks to Joy Klopp for sharing her gifts of music with us today.

Eastminster Events

* Worship Services

In August we welcome the following guest preachers:

August 7: Guest Preacher Greg Daly

August 14: Guest Preacher Jim McKibbin

* **October 22, 2016: Eastminster Choir presents Dancin' on the Danforth:** A star-studded evening of choral rock music followed by an open dance floor will have you reliving music of the 60s, 70s, and beyond. All proceeds will help make Eastminster's building accessible with a new elevator, ramp, and washrooms. Save the date and tell your friends! Tickets can be purchased at <http://https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/132154220RR0001-eastminster-united-church/events/3rd-annual-dancin-on-the-danforth-a-night-in-riverdale/>

Announcements

~ Rev. Sarah will be on vacation from August 1 to August 29~

For pastoral care concerns please contact Rev. Michael Cottrell from Kimbourne Park United Church at 416-880-8124, michael.cottrell@rogers.com

* Art Workshop

During this Sunday's art workshop, we will be painting and decorating bird houses!



From Our Friends

August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31: Worship Out of the Ordinary at Kimbourne Park United Church, 200 Wolverleigh Blvd. Gathering at 6:00, Meal at 6:30, Liturgy at 7:00

Meet at 6:00 PM in the church kitchen to prepare a salad bar together. The church will supply bread, greens and salad dressings, we ask you to bring the salad fixings, veggies, protein, croutons etc. We will eat together as we move into sacred time, a quiet, more reflective time to connect with the Divine followed by a time together. Again if you want more information contact Nicole at 416 461-7200

*Read Beth Baskin's great "**Justice Note**" - bi-weekly updates & events notice here: <https://torontoconference.ca/torontosoutheast/outreach-social-justice-project.php> or contact Beth at: bbaskin@united-church.ca



Weekly Events

Mondays: 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays: 7:30 - 9.30pm Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary *(last date June 16)*

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