

# Eastminster United Church

## July 3, 2016

### Seventh after Pentecost

\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"Only when enough adults practice and teach children love and respect at home, in schools, religious congregations, and in our political and civic life will racial, gender, and religious intolerance and hate crimes subside in America and the world."  
- Marian Wright Edelman, from Lanterns*

#### **We Gather as God's People**

Prelude  
Words of Welcome

**\*Opening Hymn, MV #12 - Come Touch Our Hearts**

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  
**Today we are joined in seeking the aspirations of the heart.  
In this time together, we connect in giving voice to those melodies which can heal the wounded soul. In this place, we are joined in speaking the words which set us free. Amen.**

**\*Sharing the Peace**

Children's Time  
*The children are invited to art workshops in the Nursery!*

#### **We Share in Word and Song**

Scripture      1John 4:11-21  
One:            The word of Hope  
**All:            Thanks be to God!**

Meditation    God, Religion & Hate  
Anthem        Make Your Own Kind of Music

Rev. Sarah Miller  
Mann & Weill

## **We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV #62 - There Is Room for All (English only)  
*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

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

Life and Work of the Congregation

**\*Closing Hymn**, For Everyone Born, *Provided Separately*  
Words: Shirley Erena Murray; Music: Brian Mann

### **\*Blessing & Sending Forth**

Postlude

## **Today**

**Scripture:** 1 John 4:11-21

### **\* 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 Mary Gerritsma for sharing her gifts of music with us today.

## Eastminster Events

### \* **Worship Services**

Our summer services explore more of your questions from our living the questions service.

- July 10: Scott will be preaching on questions including: I wonder why we have such a strong need to search for answers. What does it mean to be human? On my darkest days, what's the point of it all? Do we always have to forgive? Even in the face of abuse and hurt?
- July 17: Am I on the right path to finding and serving my purpose?
- July 24: I wonder why forgiving myself is so difficult, yet forgiving others is natural?
- July 31: I wonder how to keep Sabbath in a 24/7 world and is anyone else trying?  
I wonder what it's like to rest, truly rest in experience

### \* **Today: Eastminster Celebrates Pride!**

Join us after the service to march in the Toronto Pride Parade. Bring water, wear sunscreen and comfortable shoes! Metropolitan United Church is coordinating the United Church walking group for this year's parade, under the banner of Radical Love, Walking Proud. Our marching permit # is G62, titled AFFIRM-UNITED-INTERFAITH and our check in time is 2:15 at Ted Rogers Way (Jarvis) and Bloor. We will gather on the south-east corner and we will try to hang the United Church banner up so it can be a visible gathering spot. Please be aware that although our group has been given the 2:15 time to check in, we don't know the actual time that we will be queued into the parade. Come prepared to wait. Please speak to Rev. Sarah if you would like to march!

### \* **Fri. July 8 to Sun. July 10: Eastminster goes camping!! ... Mark your calendars!**

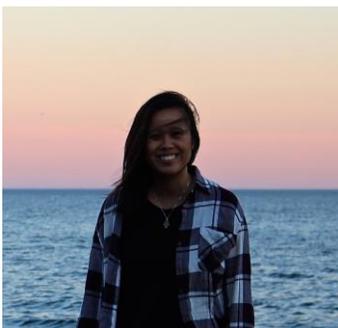
Grab your marshmallow sticks & Frisbees & get ready for a great weekend! A group campsite has once again been reserved at Sibbald Point Provincial Park. The park is on the south shore of Lake Simcoe and has a nice sandy beach and lots of space to wander in nature, play games, or put up the chairs & relax. If you're planning on attending this amazing weekend, fill out the specifics on the green sign-up sheet in the narthex. Pls. speak to Cameron on Sunday's or email him at:

[cameron.thomson@gmail.com](mailto:cameron.thomson@gmail.com)

- \* **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

### **Welcome to our Summer Students Pui Yi Ng and Shaneice Singh!**



Pui Yi studies business and environment at the University of Waterloo. She loves meeting new people, learning about different cultures, and cannot wait to do arts & crafts with the kids!



Shaneice is in her final year of sociology at the University of Toronto. She plans to explore her passion for youth and social justice work in the future. This summer she looks forward to establishing new and exciting experiences with the Eastminster United Church.

## Update from the Ministry & Personnel (M&P) Committee

This has been a very busy, yet very exciting and rewarding year for Eastminster and this is no exception for M&P! Here's a brief summer update from the committee:

Who we are: Carol Bennett (Chair), Diana Hilton, Tom Veenstra and Cindy Zwicker-Reston

What we do: We support our minister and lay staff on matters related to their employment with EUC and the United Church of Canada (including hiring, performance management, pay and benefits, and learning and development) so that they can successfully fulfill their role in Eastminster's growth as a faith community and living out our vision and mission.

## Update on Sarah's Effective Leadership Review and Goal Setting:

· This process has now been completed. Sarah's goals for the coming year align directly with Eastminster's strategic goals which are stated in our Ministry & Mission Profile that was approved at the AGM in March. In addition to Sarah's regular duties as our Minister, her goals focus on strengthening congregational care and volunteer engagement, and deepening our sense of community and presence in the community. A special thank you to Cindy for taking the lead on this initiative as this process involves an incredible amount of work.

## Staff Updates

- We welcome our summer students, **Shaneice Singh** and **Pui Yi Ng**, who will be planning and leading our church school on Sundays, providing admin support and helping with some small building projects.
- We are thrilled that **Hilary and Scott** are renewing their contracts with us and we look forward to what new and interesting things they have in store for our music ministry.
- We are also very excited that **Jane Sanden**, our Youth & Intergenerational Ministry Worker, will be back in the fall for another year with a new batch of creative ideas.
- We welcome **Jordana Kuhn** as the newest member of the custodial team. We said good bye to Alison LeGrow and Rodney David and wished them all the best in their new opportunities.
- Our office administrator, **Sue Swann**, is currently on a medical leave and we send our prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

## From Our Friends

\*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](mailto:bbaskin@united-church.ca)



**Would you like to join M&P?** We are looking for a new member to join us in the fall. It's helpful if you have experience in human resources, employee/labour relations or managing people, but not a must! Please contact Carol Bennett at [carol.bennett66@gmail.com](mailto:carol.bennett66@gmail.com) if you may be interested.

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