



East End United Churches

May 15, 2016
Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"I long to create something that can't be used to keep us passive:
I want to write a script about plumbing,
how every pipe is joined to every other."
- Adrienne Rich*

We Gather as God's People

Gathering Songs

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

words: Desmond Tutu;
adaptation & music: John L. Bell

Goodness is strong-er than e - vil; love is strong-er than hate;
light is strong-er than dark - ness; life is strong-er than death.
Vic tory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us. us.

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Malembe

trad. Democratic Republic of the Congo;
trans. by Mwenze Kabemba

Ma - le - mbe, _____ ma - le - mbe, _____ ma - le - mbe to-ko-ta-mbo - la.

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Christ Is Our Guiding Light

Eric H. F. Law

Christ is our guid - ing _____ light; _____ come, let us walk in the way of peace.

Words of Welcome

Cathy Forrest

With respect, we acknowledge the worldviews, spirituality, history and stewardship of the Mississauga of the New Credit on whose traditional lands our church resides. We thank and honour the other indigenous peoples who share this land. We affirm our commitment as Canadian Treaty people to work in right relation toward reconciliation.

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

Brian Stevens

Spirit God,

When we are afraid, you fire us up with courage.

When we are stuck, you move us to action and help us to see

When we feel alone, break down the walls that separate us.

Fill us with the hope and promise of Pentecost! Amen!

*Sharing the Peace

Children's Time

Michael Cottrell

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

One:

The word of Hope

All:

Thanks be to God!

Meditation

Sparks!

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

I Will Sing with the Spirit

John Rutter

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn VU#198 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

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

*Dedication Prayer

We Celebrate Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Meriel Simpson & Robin Wardlaw

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

Hymn during Communion MV#202 Bread for the Journey

Welcome Table

I'm gon na sit at the wel-come ta-ble; I'm gon na
sit at the wel-come ta-ble one of these days, hal-le-lu-jah; I'm gon na sit at the wel-come
ta-ble; I'm gon na sit at the wel-come ta-ble one of these days.

**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

Gracious God,

**May your gifts of love transform and enliven us
that we may live lives of thanksgiving.**

**May your presence and exuberant spirit among us
sweep us out of the dusty corners of our apathy
and provoke such longing for your realm,
that we will burst with the brightness of flame and never be satisfied
until the whole earth knows
your justice, your peace, and your love.
In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregations

*Closing Hymn MV#23 Come, O Holy Spirit

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing MV#219 Ameni

Special thanks to: Hilary Donaldson, Janez Govednik, Gerald Petkau, David Sandall, and Brian Stevens, for leading the music 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.