



# Eastminster United Church

## July 10, 2016

### Eighth after Pentecost

\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"We are our choices."  
- Sartre*

*"All we have to do is decide what to do with the time that is given to us."  
- JRR Tolkien*

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Dale Hildebrand

\*Opening Hymn

VU# 79 Spirit, Open My Heart

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

**Holy One, there are times when we face difficult questions. There are times we know the answers. There are times we aren't sure. There are times we know that we don't know. No matter what we believe or know, thank you for holding our doubts and questions, our faith and our lament. Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace

*The children are invited to art workshops in the Nursery!*

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

Scripture

Matthew 26:36-46

Susan Bower

One:

The word of Hope

**All:**

**Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

Who Are You and What Are You Doing Here?

Scott Pietrangelo

Anthem

Not Perfect

Tim Minchin

## We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn VU #509 Here I Am, Lord

*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

Susan Bower

## We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn VU #267 Like a Mighty River Flowing

\*Blessing & Sending Forth

\*Sung Blessing



We re - ceive your blessing, we re - ceive your grace, as we walk in the light \_\_\_ shining



from your \_\_\_ face. May the peace that you give \_\_\_ change the way that we live; \_\_\_ we re-



ceive your bles-sing as we leave this place. Praise God \_\_\_ from whom all



blessings flow; Praise God, \_\_\_ all creatures here be - low; praise \_\_\_ God \_\_\_ a-bove, ye



heav' - nly hosts; \_\_\_ praise Father, Son, \_\_\_ and praise the Hol y Ghost. We re

Postlude

# Today

**Scripture:** Matthew 26:36-46      *page:* 30

## \* Welcome to Eastminster



Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive the weekly e-blast 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 Andrew Hodwitz for sharing his 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 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

- \* **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

### \* 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.

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.

## From Our Friends

\*Read Beth Baskin's **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)



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<b>Soloists:</b> Michelle Suzanne - <i>soprano</i> , Andrew Hodwitz - <i>bass</i> , Jeff Schissler - <i>tenor</i> , Joy Klopp - <i>alto</i>		