

Eastminster United Church

July 17, 2016

Ninth after Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"Following Jesus will mean surrendering the power that masquerades as security in order to love the neighbour and welcome the stranger. It will mean avoiding the safe path in order to pursue the good. But in a culture of fear, we find such risks all the more difficult since our natural inclinations lead us to close in on ourselves when we face danger. How can we maintain the posture of the open hand toward a world that scares us?" -Scott Bader-Saye

"Traveller, there is no path. Paths are made by walking." - Antonio Machado

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn MV #161 I Have Called you by Your Name

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 Katie Kandarian-Morris

**Holy God, we have come into this sacred space,
quieter now with our readiness**

Hushed voices, hoping, trusting for so many things:

For connection, for communion; for inspiration, for information

For healing, for wholeness; for words, for music, for celebration and consolation,

Here we have come into this space bringing all of who we are,

Let us be willing... however we are changed. Amen

*Sharing the Peace

Ballie Award Presentation to John Reston

Pam Lock

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture Psalm 17 (VU# 739)

Susan Wakefield

Hebrew Scripture Jonah 3:1-10

One: The Word of Hope

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV #83 Let My Spirit Always Sing

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 VU# 642 Be Thou My Vision

*Blessing & Sending Forth

Sung Blessing We Receive Your Blessing

Grace and Natasha Moes



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 Holy Ghost. We re

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 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 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

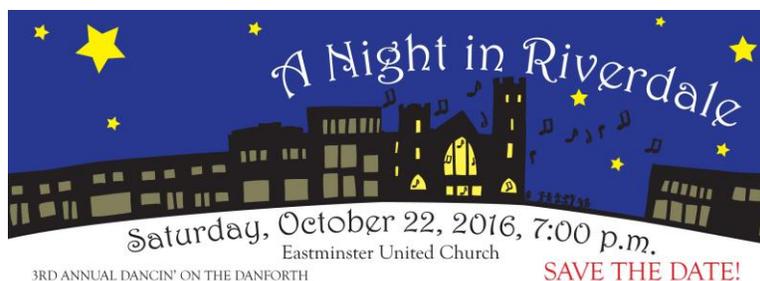
August 7: Guest preacher Greg Daly

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/>



Events in the Community

* July 30, 2016: Jazz Vespers @4 30pm

The Hope United Church is located on the corner of Main & Danforth (2550 Danforth Ave). Similar to Eastminster United Church, they are in the midst of a renewal and transformation, as they seek to be a more vibrant presence in the community. They have an upcoming event – the Jazz Vespers! It will be from 4:30-5:15pm starring the Jim Clayton Duo. Jim Clayton will be playing piano and Steve Lucas will be playing the bass. If you have any questions or inquiries you can contact the Hope United Church at 416-691-9682.



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 if you may be interested.

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



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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