



Eastminster United Church

August 28, 2016

Fifteenth after Pentecost

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"It is difficult to get a man to understand something,
when his salary depends on his not understanding it."
-- Upton Sinclair

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Judith Ramsay

*Opening Hymn VU #642 Be Thou My Vision

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—A Litany of Confession

written by Carolyn and Bruce Gillette

Leader: Loving God, we remember that Jesus taught us to pray saying, "Our Father ..."

All: You created us, you made this world, and you called your creation very good. Yet often we forget that you are our loving Parent who continues to bless your world.

Leader: Jesus told us that you are "... in heaven ..."

All: Yet we fail to live in awe of you. We take you for granted, and we don't see the awesome beauty of the world you have made.

Leader: We pray, "Hallowed be your name ..."

All: We confess that our reverence for you does not always lead us to care reverently for your earth, sky and sea.

Leader: We pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven ..."

All: We confess that we often put our own interests first — exploiting your creation, and living for our own convenience and self-interest.

Leader: We pray, "Give us today our daily bread."

All: We confess that we consume more than our share of the world's resources, while billions go hungry every day and your whole creation suffers.

Leader: We pray, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

All: We confess that we see these words only in spiritual terms, while the Bible is filled with teachings about economic justice and creation care.

Leader: We pray, "Save us from the time of trial."

All: Help us to resist the temptations of spending more, using more, acquiring more, and wasting more.

Leader: We pray, "Deliver us from evil ..."
All: Free us from greed and self-centeredness that separate us from you and others.
Leader: We pray, "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever."
All: Help us to know that in caring for your wonderful world, we are working for your kingdom, being good stewards of your creative power, and giving you glory.
Leader: We pray, "Amen."
All: We end our prayers with "Amen," a word that means "let it be so." We know we can be faithful disciples by your grace. Amen!

*Sharing the Peace

Children's Time

The children are invited to art workshops!

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture Luke 14:7-14

One: The word of Hope
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Meditation Requirements of Privilege

Jim McKibbin

Solo My Life Flows On in Endless Song

Robert Lowry and Doris Plenn

My life flows on in endless song;
 above earth's lamentation,
 I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
 that hails a new creation.
*No storm can shake my inmost calm
 while to that Rock I'm clinging.
 Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
 how can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife,
 I hear that music ringing.
 it finds an echo in my soul.
 How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die,
 the Lord my Saviour liveth.
 What though the darkness round me close,
 Songs in the night God giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
 a fountain ever springing.
 All things are mine, since I am God's;
 How can I keep from singing?

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn VU #589 Lord, Speak to Me

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 (spoken)

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU #680 Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing MV #214 May God's Sheltering Wings

Postlude

Today

Scripture: Luke 14:7-14 page: 77

* 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 Mary Gerritsma and Marie Campbell for sharing their gifts of music with us today!

Eastminster Events

* **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

* **This morning we welcome guest preacher Jim McKibbin!** Jim is the Toronto Conference lay member of the General Council Executive of the United Church of Canada. He is a retired civil servant from Statistics Canada. He is also Honorary President of As One that Serves (AOTS), the men's organization of the church.

* **The Jamie Ray Farrar Memorial Scholarship in Sacred Music**

Do you know a talented young musician who would be interested in church music experience? We are currently accepting applications for the **2016–2017 Jamie Ray Farrar Memorial Scholarship** in Sacred Music. Jamie Ray Farrar was the Soprano Section Leader Eastminster for over 25 years. The Scholarship is designated for a post-secondary music student, to participate in music at Eastminster and gain valuable experience and leadership opportunities. Full details can be found on the church website; deadline for applications to music.eastminster@bellnet.ca is **September 10th**.



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



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