



Eastminster United Church

August 14, 2016
Thirteenth after Pentecost

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

*"If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else."
-- Yogi Berra*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn MV #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

One: God, we see chaos and turmoil in many places around us.

All: We ask you to open our eyes to the voices that speak from it

One: God, we see comfort in the things we know

All: We ask you to open our eyes to see ways to take risks in your name.

One: God, we see uncertainty about the future in the eyes of those we love and in our own eyes

All: We ask you to help us see through the eyes of those who held your vision close

One: God, we see far off glimpses of a different way of being in this world.

All: We ask you for help to see the hope that these glimpses represent.

One: God, we see the need to listen to your voice

All: God, journey with us.

May we have the comfort of your provisions.

May we have the courage to take up your cause.

May we have the faith to see your reality.

Amen

*Sharing the Peace

Children's Time

The children are invited to art workshops!

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture Luke 12:49-56

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

Meditation Embracing the Spirit Jim McKibbin

Solo Beautiful City (from *Godspell*) Stephen Schwartz

*Out of the ruins and rubble,
out of the smoke,
out of our night of struggle,
can we see a ray of hope?
One pale, thin ray,
Reaching for the day*

*We can build a beautiful city
yes, we can, yes, we can
we can build a beautiful city,
not a city of angels,
but we can build a city of man.*

*We may not reach the ending,
but we can start
slowly but truly mending
brick by brick, heart by heart.
Now, maybe now,
we start learning how.*

*When your trust is all but shattered,
when your faith is all but killed,
you can give up, bitter and battered,
or you can slowly start to build.*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV #80 Beyond the Beauty and the Awe
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)

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU#582 There's a Spirit in the Air

*Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Postlude

Today

Scripture: Luke 12:49-56 *page:75*

* 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 Jeff Schissler 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://
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Announcements

*** Rev. Sarah is on vacation from August 1st to August 29th!**

For pastoral care concerns please contact Rev. Micheal Cottrell from Kimbourne Park United Church at 416-880-8124, michael.cottrell@rogers.com

*** 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.

*** Subway service closed btw. Pape and St. George stations (August 13th-14th)**

Shuttle buses will operate along between Pape and St. George station during the closure. There will also be parking restrictions to speed transit and traffic on Danforth & Bloor. Lastly, the TTC will also be closing the subway from St. George to Pape over the long Labour Day weekend (September 3, 4, 5).

~ Seeking a Volunteer Photographer ~

The summer students are looking for anyone interested in taking photos for the church.

Contact us at 416-463-2179 or at eastminster@bellnet.ca

* Art Workshop

During this Sunday's art workshop, we will be baking chocolate chip cookies! YUM!



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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