

Eastminster United Church

September 4, 2016

Sixteenth after Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"Wonder rather than doubt is the root of all knowledge."
- Abraham Joshua Heschel*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn VU #892 Who Comes from God

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 Judith Mannheim

We gather together in this space to honor and understand our lives.

We bring our pasts and would share them, our dreams and would express them.

We use words, song, silence, and gesture.

**Words cannot define our lives, but they enable us to reach out to each other,
to tell and to listen, that we may be renewed, connected, unburdened. Amen**

*Sharing the Peace

The children are invited to art workshops in the Nursery!

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture	Genesis: 3: 1-14	Catherine Inglis
One:	The word of Hope	
All:	Thanks be to God!	
Meditation	Curiosity and Searching	Rev. Sarah Miller
Anthem	Que esta iglesia sea un árbol	Pablo Sosa

May this church be like a tree
Behind your house, there in your *garden*:
Meeting place for joy, and feast,

May this church be like tree,
There in the street or the plaza,
For the birds a nesting-branch,

*And simple prayer beneath its branches;
With its roots in earth so fertile,
And its arms raised high to heaven
May this church bear fruits of justice,
Acts of loving and compassion.*

*For passers-by, a welcome shelter.
May it stand as if it's waiting,
Near my house, just round the corner,
Waiting for this weary pilgrim
With its arms wide to embrace me.*

Chorus:

*Árbol plantado junto a las aguas
De vida eterna de nuestro Dios.*
**Tree ever growing by living water,
Running eternal, flowing from God.**

**May this church be like a tree,
O God, that thrives where you have planted;
May it stand to show the way,
Your way of loving and self-giving,
Wood for fire, and fruit for sharing,
May this living church that names you
Be a tree of life eternal.**

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV #10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom
Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.

*Dedication Prayer

We Celebrate Holy Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

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: Kingsfold Communion MV# 203, 204, 205

All are invited to come forward to receive Communion by dipping the bread in the cup.

Communion Hymns MV#202 Bread for the Journey
 VU#466 Eat This Bread

Prayer Following Communion

Holy God, we are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Amen.

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

Commissioning Maya and family for Internship

*Closing Hymn VU #514 God the Spirit Guide and Guardian Text: Carl P. Daw Jr.

**1. God the Spirit, guide and guardian,
wind-sped flame and hovering dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets,
sign of blessing, power of love:
give to those who lead your people
fresh anointing of your grace;
send them forth as bold apostles
to your church in every place.**

**3. Great Creator, life-bestower,
truth beyond all thought's recall,
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy,
giving and forgiving all:
as you know our strength and weakness,
so may those the church exalts
oversee its life steadfastly,
yet not overlook its faults.**

**2. Christ our Saviour, sovereign, shepherd,
Word made flesh, Love crucified,
teacher, healer, suffering servant,
friend of sinners, foe of pride:
in your tending may all *pastors
learn and live a shepherd's care;
grant them courage and compassion
shown through word and deed and prayer.**

**4. Triune God, mysterious being,
undivided and diverse,
deeper than our minds can fathom,
greater than our creeds rehearse:
help us in our varied callings
your full image to proclaim,
that our ministries uniting
may give glory to your name.**

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*Blessing & Sending Forth

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

Postlude

Today

Scripture: Genesis: 3: 1-14 *page: 2-3*

* **Welcome to Eastminster**

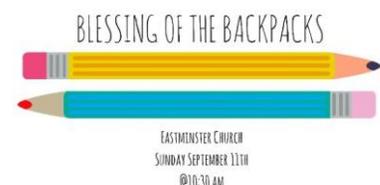


Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive the weekly e-blast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also in the Narthex. Children are invited to Nursery (up to age 4) and Church School following the Children's Time. Please pick up children from Church school and Nursery following the service.

Special thanks to Marie Campbell and Mary Gerritsma for sharing their gifts of music with us today!

Eastminster Events

***Sunday September 11: Blessing of the Backpacks!** Bring your backpack to be blessed for the coming school year! Teachers and students of all ages are invited to come forward during the service for a blessing!



***Sunday September 25: Congregational Meeting.** Plan to stay after the service for a meeting and vote about next steps with the East End Churches.

***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

* Music at Eastminster

There are many ways to be involved in the music ministry at Eastminster United. Adult Choir begins this next Thursday, September 8, 7:30--9:30pm in the sanctuary. Children's Choir (roughly ages 5-12) begins the following week, Thursday, September 15, 6--6:45pm in the Parlour. If you would like to participate, or if you would like to contribute to worship with creative ideas or by playing an instrument, speak to Hilary Donaldson (music.eastminster@bellnet.ca).

* 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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