



Eastminster United Church

September 18, 2016

Eighteenth after Pentecost

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."

- Nelson Mandela

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Jill Holroyd

*Opening Hymn MV #28 God of the Bible, God in the Gospel

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We gather around this flame to share faith, hope and life.

All: In the glow of this flame there is room for all our stories.

Opening Prayer

adapted from Sean Neil-Barron

**We gather together as a community of seekers,
to honour and give thanks for the interdependence of life and to respect the dignity of all.
We offer thanks for the land we walk humbly upon.
We are blessed with a space and opportunity to strive to live out our common principles:
To bring justice, equity and compassion into our daily lives,
To resist all that threatens the earth and her people,
And to live out our dream of a world community of peace, liberty and justice for all.
Let these thoughts carry us forth as we journey and worship together. Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace

Welcoming New Members

The children are invited to Church School in the Hurndale Room.

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture Esther 3: 12-14, 4: 5-17

Norman Tanaka

One: The word of Hope

All: Thanks be to God!

Meditation Courage of Conviction

Jennifer Henry

Anthem Heleluyan / This May be the Last Time
arr. Sally Ann Morris

Traditional Muscogee [Creek]

Heleluyan, heleluyan...

*This may be the last time,
May be the last time, I don't know...*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV #179 Sisters Let Us Walk Together

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 MV #217 Hey ney yana

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing Who's Goin' to Tell the Story

Natalie Sleeth



Who's goin' to share the kin - dom? You and I! _____
Who's goin' to feed the hun - gry? You and I! _____



Who's goin' to spread the gos - pel? You and I! _____ Who's goin' to do the
Care for the sick and lone - ly? You and I! _____ Who's goin' to let the



kind - ly deed? Com - fort the one in need and help sup - ply? You and I! _____
whole world see peo - ple can live in har - mo - ny! Let's try!

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Postlude

Today

Scripture: Esther 3: 12-14, 4: 5-17 pages: 446 - 447

* 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.

Today we welcome guest preacher Jennifer Henry, Executive Director of KAIROS. She has worked in national ecumenical social justice for over 23 years. She holds a Bachelor of Arts and Social Work from the University of Manitoba, and a Masters of Social Work at the University of Toronto, and is currently completing a Masters in Theological Studies at Emmanuel College. She worships at the Church of the Holy Trinity, and Anglican Church in downtown Toronto, with her partner and daughter.

***Today, following the service: Worship Committee Meeting meets in Sarah's Office**

Upcoming Worship:

Our theme for worship this fall is Storytelling and the power of stories. The human brain is designed to process stories, we crave a good tale and we long to tell our own stories. This fall, we explore how different communities tell sacred stories, how scripture is interpreted and how we live out our common stories together.

September 25th we will tell the story through an all-ages service telling the story of what makes us a church. We take church on the road for a shared East End Churches service on October 2 at Glen Rhodes United Church celebrating World Communion Sunday. October 9 is Thanksgiving, and Andrew Cassidy will share a Faith Story. If you have a story to tell, please speak to Rev. Sarah.

Eastminster Events

*** Saturday September 24th 1-4pm: Eastminster is hosting a Global Cardboard Challenge!**

All-Ages Welcome!

Did you just buy a new dishwasher? Or get a little too inspired in the IKEA showroom? Maybe you just have some file boxes kickin' around! We need your cardboard donations (the bigger the pieces the better) so we can build a giant cardboard church as part of the Imagination Foundation's Global Cardboard Challenge. Donations will be collected in Jane's office.

Bring your friends, family, imagination and cardboard/craft supplies of any kind. The things we build (a giant cardboard church!) on Saturday will be the focus of the intergenerational worship service on Sept. 25!

Questions about our event? Email Jane at janesanden@bellnet.ca

Global Cardboard Challenge Official Website: <http://imagination.is/our-projects/cardboard-challenge/>

Check out Caine's Arcade and other amazing cardboard challenge projects:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U19c-4dX4Hk>

***Sunday September 25th: Congregational Meeting**

Plan to stay after the service for a meeting and vote about next steps in with the East End Churches. There are documents available in the Narthex and were send via our eblast for the last 2 weeks.

We will vote on the following question:

That Eastminster United Church remain in the Covenant with the 5 East End Churches (Cosburn United, Eastminster United, Glen Rhodes United, Hope United, and Kimbourne Park United) for the next 12 months to flesh out and test a plan for regional ministry.

During the meeting, there will be time for questions and discussion. Since this is an important decision about the future of the church, we will have a more formal process for discussion to ensure that everyone who wishes to speak is able to do so. Those wishing to speak will have one opportunity to ask questions or add to the discussion for a period of two minutes. There will be a vote by secret ballot. Please note that in matters relating to the future of the church, only members will be permitted to vote. If you have any questions about your membership, please speak to Rev. Sarah. For more information about the East End Churches Proposal, please speak to Chris Bennett, Cathy Forrest or Rev. Sarah.

***Tuesday September 27, 7-9pm: Exploring our Faith**

Our fall study group begins September 27 to explore issues of faith, ethics and life. The group meets every second week for 6 weeks in the Parlour. We will begin with the DVD study Living the Questions. All are welcome to attend.

***Sunday October 16th: "Chew on This"**

An anti-poverty campaign, coordinated by the Danforth Multi-faith Community Walk. Details to Come!

***Saturday October 22nd: 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

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Announcements

* Nursery Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of volunteers for the Nursery to care for the youngest ones in our church. If you can sign up for a Sunday, please speak to Kendra Martin, or email her at kendramhoward@gmail.com

* Music at Eastminster

There are many ways to be involved in the music ministry at Eastminster United. Adult Choir meets Thursdays 7:30--9:30pm in the sanctuary. Children's Choir (roughly ages 5-12) begins 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).



Rev. J. Douglas Varey

On August 30th, Doug died peacefully at home, after the long challenge of ALS. Beloved husband of Lynne Brennan, father of Allison and Chris (Rochelle), and grandfather to Danica. Douglas had a lifelong passion for the outdoors, the Church, and social justice. He will be missed by many who knew him through his work at TUCC, at Moorelands Camp, in the United Church of Canada, through his social justice pursuits, playing in the band and, together with Lynne Brennan, working in Zambia and Nepal. Douglas saw life, and lived life, as sacred. *...From the Globe and Mail, Sept 3, 2016*

A celebration of Douglas' life will take place on **Tuesday, September 20 at 11 a.m. at Trinity-St. Paul's United Church, 427 Bloor Street West.**

Visitation will be on Monday, September 19 from 6 to 8 p.m., also at Trinity-St. Paul's.

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays:	6:00 - 6:45pm	Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour
	7:30 - 9.30pm	Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

From Our Friends

***September 21 - Messy Church 5:30 - 7:00 pm** - Hope United, 2550 Danforth Ave.

Our theme is Love! Please join us for a time of crafts and activities, music and a story and a meal. A great free event for all ages.

***September 24 – 4:30 – 5:15 Jazz Vespers** - Hope United , 2550 Danforth Ave. Michael LaLonde- Bass and Dylan Bell-Piano. This very creative duo offers unique interpretations of jazz standards, featuring lots' of vocal percussion. Admission is by free will offering

***September 25 – 2:00 – 5:00pm War Time Radio Show Auditions** – Hope United, 2550 Danforth Ave. You are invited to be part of the Remembrance Day production that will take place Nov 11 and 12 at Hope United. We will step back in time to 1944 and re-create a radio studio that is doing a live broadcast to the men and women overseas. There are a variety of small/large roles for all ages, as well as music and comedy. For more information visit: HopeUnited.ca . To book an audition time, please contact Brian Stevens at 416-691-9682 or email

*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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