

Eastminster United Church
February 12, 2017
Sixth Sunday after
Epiphany

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

Prelude

Gathering Songs:

Malembe

Traditional, Democratic Republic of the Congo



Guide my Feet

African-American Spiritual

**Guide my feet, while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain.**

**Hold my hand...
Stand by me...
I'm your child...
Search my heart...**

Words of Welcome

Norman Tanaka

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

God of gentleness and strength, you have created each of us to bring different gifts; free us to bravely share those gifts. You have made us all different. Help us to remember that we are all made in your image. In the diversity of this community, you call us to be one body. Help us to live out your call to be the body of Christ. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

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

We Share in Word and Song

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| Greek Scripture | Luke 12: 13-21 | |
| Story | The Happy Prince, by Oscar Wilde | Betty Bennett |
| Meditation | Two Parables | Betty Bennett |
| Anthem | And So it Goes | Billy Joel, arr. Bob Chilcott |

*In every heart there is a room
a sanctuary safe and strong
to heal the wounds from lovers past
until a new one comes along*

*I spoke to you in cautious tones
you answered me with no pretense
and still I feel I said too much
my silence is my self-defense*

*And every time I've held a rose
it seems I only felt the thorns
and so it goes, and so it goes
and so will you soon I suppose*

*But if my silence made you leave
then that would be my worst mistake
so I will share this room with you
and you can have this heart to break*

*And this is why my eyes are closed
it's just as well for all I've seen
and so it goes, and so it goes
and you're the only one who knows.*

*So I would choose to be with you
(that's if the choice were mine to make)
but you can make decisions too
and you can have this heart to break*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

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| Offering Hymn | VU #766 As the Deer |
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Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.

*Dedication Prayer **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

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| The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving | Cameron Thomson |
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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:

Iona Community, Scotland

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full,
are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen
Christ will come again**

Breaking, Pouring, Sharing

Hymn during Communion: MV # 193 God Bless to Us Our Bread
MV #202 Bread for the Journey

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland
Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Glen Rhodes United Church
Eastminster Prayer Cycle: Worship Committee

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

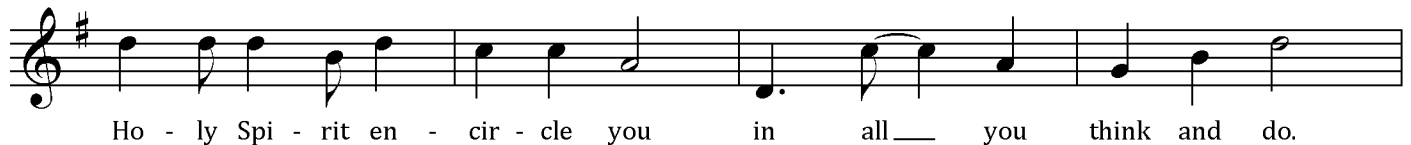
*Closing Hymn MV #154 Deep in Our Hearts

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing

Now Go in Peace

text: Michael Mair; music: "JUNKANOO" (Caribbean traditional)



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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 e-blast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book 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.

Eastminster Events

* Tues. February 21 from 7-9pm: Exploring our Faith

Our study group continues with an exploration of issues of faith, ethics and life. The group meets every second week for 5 weeks in the Parlour. All are welcome to attend.

February 21: Sermon On the Mount-Exploring Matthew Chapter 6

March 7: Sermon On the Mount-Exploring Matthew Chapter 7

March 21: Exploring what is Prayer

* Sun. March 5, following the service: Eastminster's Annual General Meeting

Community News

* Refugee Family Seeks Housing in South Riverdale / Leslieville Area

The Neighbourhood Effort to Welcome Refugees (NEWWR) group is made up of neighbours in the S. Riverdale/Leslieville area who wanted to help Syrian refugees find a new home in Canada. We are now sponsoring a family of 4 who are temporarily housed near Dundas St E & Logan Ave. They have found this area welcoming & convenient, and the children (ages 12 & 9) are happily settled in local schools. The family would very much like to stay nearby but need an affordable 2 bedroom unit by April 2017 to do so. NEWWR will guarantee the rent for at least 1 year. If you know of any place in the area that might be suitable for this very pleasant & reliable family, please contact Maggi at 416 844.5040 or newelcomer@gmail.com

* Baroque Chamber Music Concert: Les Barocudas - February 24, 2017 - 7PM

Baroque chamber music concert at St. Barnabas Church featuring Les Barocudas. Marie Nadeau-Tremblay (baroque violin), Ryan Gallagher (viola da gamba), Nathan Mondry (harpsichord), and Benjamin Stein (theorbo) perform music by Bach, François Couperin, and Johann Heinrich Schmelzer. Admission: \$20 (General), \$5 (Students). 361 Danforth Avenue (at Chester)

*** Syrian Welcome Dinners:**

The welcome dinners entail matching local residents in the GTA with a new Syrian individual, couple, or family over for dinner into their home. The dinners are not only about sharing a meal together and tasting local foods, but are designed to welcome newcomers to the city, and to learn about Canadian customs and culture in hopes that a long lasting relationship will develop and a sense of warmth and community is formed. Sign up to host a dinner at www.welcomedinners.ca

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| <h2>Announcements</h2> |
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*** Refreshments Volunteers Needed!**

Please sign up to bring refreshments after church for a Sunday or two this fall. Our custodian prepares the coffee and tea. You bring milk, cream, juice and cookies. The sign-up sheet is at the back!

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| <h2>Weekly Events</h2> |
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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

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| <h2>Staff</h2> |
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