



Eastminster United Church
February 19, 2017
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"I was taught to see racism only in individual acts of meanness, not in invisible systems conferring dominance on my group" – Peggy McIntosh

Prelude

Gathering Songs:

Malembe

Traditional, Democratic Republic of the Congo



Ma - le - mbe, _____ ma - le - mbe, _ ma - le - mbe to-ko-ta-mbo - la.

Bambelela

Traditional, South Africa

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

Jill Holroyd

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 Maureen Killoran

We gather today, from the midst of pain and challenge.

From a world that appears broken, we are called to praise life's moments of joy and grace.

From time that seems to freeze in ongoing exchanges of platitudes and blame, we are called to reach out to those around us, to connect with those we care about, to try to make amends with those from whom we are estranged. The world is too fragile. There is too much pain. Let us bring our hearts together on this day. Let us praise this hurting world, in all its blessing and its pain. Amen.



1. Draw a wid - er cir - cle— or, per-haps, e - rase.
2. Plan - ets spin in or - bit, cen - tered on a star;
3. Do we meas - ure mar - gins just to feel se - cure,



Spi - ral toward God's cen - ter, grav - i - ty of grace.
some will cir - cle close - ly, some re - volve a - far.
cast - ing out the dif - f'rent, hop - ing to be pure?



Raze for - mer fenc - es mark - ing out and in—
From an - y dis - tance light il - lu - mines each.
Christ is our cen - ter— boun - d'ry lines must fall.



ho - ly and un - ho - ly, sanc - ti - ty and sin.
Through the void of dark - ness none is out of reach.
God's light flows un - hin - dered; grace a - bounds for all.

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*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing Now Go in Peace text: Michael Mair; music: "JUNKANOO" (Caribbean traditional)



Now go in peace, now go in love, from our Mak - er a - bove.



Je - sus Christ the Son stay with you 'til the day is done.



Ho - ly Spi - rit en - cir - cle you in all— you think and do.



Once a - gain, God's bless - ing be with us, a - men.

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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



* Tues. Feb. 28 from 6-8pm: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Mardi Gras Fun!

Spread the word! We'll be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with pancakes, face painting and karaoke!

Our supper is open to all, it's PWYC! So why not invite a friend or two, bring your neighbour, just come out and have a great time!!

* Wed. March 1: Ash Wednesday Services at 2pm at Hope United (2550 Danforth Ave) and 7:30pm at Cosburn United (1108 Greenwood Ave.)

Our East End churches are partnering to offer 2 Ash Wednesday services.

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

Childcare will be provided

* Wed. March 29 at 7pm: Ancient History Talk: Cleopatra, Queen of Kings!! (69-30) BCE.

Enrico De Dominicis shares the story of Cleopatra VII Philopator, the last regent of the Ptolemaic dynasty that ruled Egypt for three centuries. A cunning ruler who navigated powerful relationships with Julius Caesar and Mark Anthony in a time of dramatic changes in the ancient Mediterranean world! A Queen of Kings!!

Community News

* 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)

*** Food Bank Fundraising Fiesta: February 25 at 6pm – Bethany Baptist Church**

Come for a fun night in a good cause. We will have a live band, a short program highlighting the different aspects of our Food Bank, and a delicious meal for \$5. Bethany Baptist Church 1041 Pape Ave at Cosburn

*** 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

Announcements

*** 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!

Weekly Events

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

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