



Eastminster United Church
February 26, 2017
Transfiguration

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"Let us slow down enough to truly notice all that is presenting itself to us as blessing."

Kristi Nelson

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
South Africa

Traditional,

Guide my Feet
Spiritual

African-American

**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

Susan Bower

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

Holy God, you call to us today and your call reaches within each of us. Some of us bring questions, some bring excitement and anticipation. For some of us you stir up challenge, for others you bring hope. For all the ways we experience your call to us, we give thanks. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

The Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Parents' Promise and Commitment

Godparents' Promise and Commitment

*Congregational Promise and Commitment

Let us pledge our support and care to those who we have welcomed today.

In community together we are transformed by each newcomer. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to this congregation. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out and celebrate the life and ministry of being the church.

*Affirmation of Faith : A New Creed

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:
who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church;
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Blessing of the Water and the Act of Baptism

Baptismal Blessing VU #454 May God Who Creates You

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

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture Luke 9:28-45

Meditation Identity & Holy Resistance Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem We Shall Overcome / Lean on Me
African-American Spiritual / Bill Withers; arr. Mark Hayes

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Minute for Mission

Andrew Cassidy



1. Climb with Christ the mys - tic moun - tain, veiled by
 2. Hear him speak with an - cient proph - ets, bear - ers
 3. Fol - low Christ in - to the val - ley; feel with
 4. Climb at last an - oth - er moun - tain where, con -
 5. Raise to Christ trans - fig - ured, ris - en, hymns of



clouds, yet bathed in light. Join dis - ci - ples
 of God's liv - ing Word. Mo - ses and E -
 him a fa - ther's pain, cry - ing for his
 demned, he goes to die. Watch while sol - diers
 tri - umph, songs of praise! Tell to all the



bowed in won - der, blind - ed by his gar - ments
 li - jah greet him as their peo - ple's prom - ised
 son, af - flict - ed, "You can make him whole a -
 cru - ci - fy him; see the dark - ened, sun - less
 world his sto - ry; trust and serve him all your



bright. What the source of such a ra -
 Lord. Then an - oth - er Voice pro - claims
 gain!" Be for Christ his pres - ent Bod -
 sky. There re - mem - ber truth he taught
 days! Of - fer Christ in all his splen -



diance? Shin - ing here is Light from Light!
 him: "My own Son! At - tend his Word!"
 y, heal - ing still the peo - ple's pain!
 us: "Who would live, with me must die!"
 dor, with your an - thems, lives of praise!

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Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (sung) VU# 959 Dale Hildebrand

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| Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: | Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands |
| Toronto Southeast Presbytery: | Alpha Korean United Church |
| Eastminster Prayer Cycle: | Property Committee |

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU #79 Arise, Your Light is Come

*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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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

* **Today we welcome through baptism:** Alexander Turney, son of Laura and Michael Turney, brother of Charlotte. If you are interested in Baptism for yourself or your child, please speak to Rev. Sarah.

* **Tues. March 7 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.

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

*** 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 Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour

7:30 - 9.30pm Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary

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