



Eastminster United Church
March 12, 2017
Second Sunday of Lent

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

*"People say, "What is the sense of our small effort?"
They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time."
- Dorothy Day*

Words of Welcome & Lenten Lament
Bower

Susan

Seeking Right Relations

Refrain: Hey ney yana

One: We light the white candle to honour the people of the Mississauga of New Credit First Nation. We acknowledge, with respect, their history, spirituality, culture and ways of knowing. We recognize our responsibility as treaty people to live with respect on this land and in peace and friendship with its people.

All: **We acknowledge the continuing injustice and commit ourselves to seeking right relations with all the First Peoples of Canada. May the Creator's wisdom work within us toward mending the torn tapestry of this land.**

Refrain.

*Opening Hymn VU #109 Now Quit Your Care

Opening Prayer
VonRue

adapted from Jennifer

We come to this space, this sanctuary of peace, not only create our best selves, but to also do the work of creating a beloved community. We come together today as individuals much like individual pieces of glass or pottery that are different shapes, sizes, and colors, all of which are broken, with imperfect jagged edges, but always beautiful.

While our pieces may not always fit neatly together, it is within this sanctuary, that we gather together to create a beautiful mosaic. May we find brokenness and beauty in one another and may it create peace in this space and fill our hearts with love as we create worship together. Amen.

Refrain.

*Sharing the Peace

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture	Acts 14: 21-27	Jane Gadd
Meditation	Borders and Community	Rev. Sarah Miller
Anthem	Beautiful City	

*Out of the ruins and rubble,
out of the smoke,
out of our night of struggle,
can we see a ray of hope?
One pale thin ray reaching for the day*

*We can build a beautiful city,
Yes, we can; Yes, we can.
We can build a beautiful city
not a city of angels,
but we can build a city of man.*

*We may not reach the ending,
but we can start
slowly but truly mending
brick by brick, heart by heart.
Now, maybe now
we start learning how:*

*When your trust is all but shattered
When your faith is all but killed
You can give up, bitter and battered
Or you can slowly start to build*

*A beautiful city
Yes, we can; Yes, we can.
We can build a beautiful city,
not a city of angels
but finally a city of man.*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Faith Story	Jonathan Lin
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Offering Hymn	VU #111 As the Sun with Longer Journey
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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

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:	Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden
Toronto Southeast Presbytery:	Scarborough Bluffs United Church
Eastminster Prayer Cycle:	Church School and Nursery Leaders

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn	VU #213 Take Up His Song
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*Blessing & Sending Forth

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. March 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.

March 21: Exploring what is Prayer

* **Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 pm: The Gender Revolution: Film and Discussion Night with Toronto Pflag**

Would you like to learn more about gender identity and gender expression, or how to be an ally of the transgender community? Join us in the Eastminster Auditorium for a free screening of the new, National Geographic film Gender Revolution, A Journey with Katie Couric. Doors open at 6:30 pm for refreshments. The film will run from 7 pm to 8:30 pm followed by a 45-minute discussion with Toronto Pflag families. Toronto Pflag is a local charity that offers support, education and advocacy for friends and family of LGBTQ individuals. For more information, please speak with Jill Holroyd or visit www.torontopflag.org.

* **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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