



Eastminster United Church

April 2, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"The attempt to transform us failed. The true legacy of the survivors, then, will be the transformation of Canada"
- Phil Fontaine

Words of Welcome

Jill Holroyd

*Opening Hymn

Strong, Gentle Children

Daniel Charles Damon

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Lenten Lament

Seeking Right Relations

Refrain: Hey ney yana

One: We light the four candles in the colours of the Medicine Wheel 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 Prayer

God of promise and hope, you call us to your way and set before us paths of faithfulness. Sometimes we hesitate to follow you and to make changes in our lives. Sometimes our priorities and commitments reflect unhealthy patterns even though you call us to new life. Sometimes we are too afraid to do what we know is right. Forgive us and remind us there is always another way. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

The children are invited to Church School in the Hurndale and Jackman Rooms

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture

Matthew 24: 33-44

Samuel Mangan

Meditation

A Knock at the Door

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

Orphan Child

Cherokee Hymn;

English versification, S T Kimbrough, Jr.

*I hear the Saviour's saddened voice,
he speaks with such despair,
for he talks with children left behind
without a parent's care.
you're the Chief; be now their guide and stay,
and lead them to your home.
hold their hands today and evermore*

*for they're orphans left behind.

Lead the children by the hand,
take the children to your home,
to your heavenly home on high,
O how beautiful they are.*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Faith Story

Judith Ramsay

Offering Hymn

MV # 78 God Weeps

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 (from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

**Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,**

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

The Balkans - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR of
Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia

Toronto Southeast Presbytery:

The Donway Covenant United Church

Eastminster Prayer Cycle:

Study Groups

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn

VU#359 He Came Singing Love

*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. April 4 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.

April 4: Meditation

April 18: Heaven and Hell

May 23: Is death the end of life?

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday April 9 at 10:15am Bicycle Palm Parade before the 10:30am service! Come and sing Hosanna with your bicycle or on foot!

2:00pm: Easter Cantata at Hope United

Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 2:00 pm Last Supper Remembrance and Communion at Hope UC
7:30 pm Hand and foot washing communion at Glen Rhodes UC

Good Friday, April 14 at 10:00 am Danforth Good Friday Walk beginning at Eastminster UC and walking to 4 other Danforth churches to explore the Stations of the Cross.

10:30 am "Keeping watch with the persecuted" at Glen Rhodes UC

2:00 pm Good Friday Service at Hope UC

Easter Sunday, April 16 at 9:30am Easter Breakfast

10:30 am Easter Celebration!

10:30am "Life blooms from the tomb" at Glen Rhodes UC

11:00 am Easter Sunday at Hope UC

11:00 am Easter Sunday at Cosburn UC

Easter Cantata at Hope UC Vocal rehearsals are Sundays at 2:00 pm and Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. All welcome. The presentation is Palm Sunday, April 9 at 2:00 pm. Musicians also sought! Email HopeUnitedChurch@gmail.com or call Brian Stevens at 647-825-5136

Community News

* **April 3 – 7 Fast for Clean Water**

“Be praised for sister water” in support of Grassy Narrows and all First Nations without clean water at Glen Rhodes UC. Len Desrochers will fast for a week this Lent to raise awareness and mobilize support. Join him, both in daily prayer, and on site at Glen Rhodes each morning and afternoon. Public welcome at 8 am and 5:30 pm daily prayers.

* **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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629 Strong, Gentle Children

Unison

G C/G G C/G

1 Strong, gen - tle chil - dren, God made you beau - ti - ful,
 2 Strong, hurt - ing chil - dren, an - gry and ter - ri - fied,
 3 Strong, know - ing chil - dren, ut - ter your cry a - loud,

Bm Em7 Am7 D

gave you the wis - dom and pow - er you need;
 o - pen the se - crets your life has con - cealed;
 hon - or the wis - dom God gave you at birth;

G/B G C/G G C/G

speak in the still - ness all you are long - ing for;
 though you are wound - ed, know you are not to blame;
 speak to your el - ders till they have heard your voice;

Bm7 Em7 Am7 D7 G

live out your call - ing to love and to lead.
 cry out your sto - ry till truth is re - vealed.
 sing out your vi - sion of heal - ing on earth.