



Eastminster United Church
 April 23, 2017
 Easter 2

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*It is not as a child that I believe and confess Jesus Christ.
 My Hosanna is born of a furnace of doubt.
 --Fyodor Dostoyevski*

Prelude Sonata no. 1 Paul Hindemith

Words of Welcome Norm Tanaka

*Opening Hymn VU #232 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle to proclaim that even in the dark earth, in the cold tomb, in our moments of despair.

All: **Hope abides! Love is stronger! Hallelujah!**

Opening Prayer

Patient God,

Sometimes, we meet you with doubt, fear, and disbelief. Our confusion disengages us from you and each other. Help us to come out of hiding and know that it is only when we live our questions that we find ourselves closer to you. Amen.

Introit

Sharing the Peace

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

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Cheryl Sutie
 John 20: 19-31

Meditation Trust Me--*Something Happened!* Cameron Thomson

Anthem When it was Yet Dark Stephen Hatfield

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn VU #178 Because You Live, O Christ
Please stand in body or in spirit during the presentation of the offering.

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (VU# 960) Rev. Jane Brushey-Martin

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia
Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Lawrence Park Community Church
Eastminster Prayer Cycle: Greeters and Ushers

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU #158 Christ is Alive

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing Alleluia (Iona Community) Norah Duncan

Postlude Praeludium in G BWV 541 J.S. Bach

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.

* **Special Thanks** this morning to Kaleb Koslowski (organ) for sharing his gifts of music.

Eastminster Events

* **Tuesday, May 23 from 7-9 pm: Is death the end of life?**

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.

* **E-recycling Fundraising Electronic Waste Collection Campaign**

Spring cleaning is in full effect! What to do with those old cell phones, laptops, gadgets etc. Eastminster is collecting the following items until **May 7th, 2017**:

1. Cell Phones
2. Tablets
3. Laptop/Notebooks
4. Digital cameras/ vintage cameras
5. iPads/iPods
6. Game gear Nintendo game boy, any play stations, any games for portable gear
7. LCD computer screens NO LCD TVs or TVs
8. Anything that has the apple logo even desktops and servers
9. Vintage game gear and controllers
10. Go pros

Items will be responsibly re-purposed, recycled or resold within Ontario Recycling Company will pay the Church for items donated. They can be used, working, non-working, broken screens. They all have a recycling value.

Community News

* **AN INVITATION TO LISTEN: THE EARTH AND HER CHILDREN - SUNDAY MAY 14, 2017**

This Mother's Day, join **The Very Reverend Stan McKay** and **Chief Marcia Brown Martel** at a learning forum for people of faith committed to understanding the challenges of Canada's history, listening to the voices of Indigenous peoples, and moving toward right relations. The forum will take place at Jubilee United Church (40 Underhill Drive in Toronto) from 2-4:30 pm. Admission is free; please register online at <https://rightrelationsmay14.eventbrite.ca> or call 905-771-5124. This event is co-sponsored by the Living Into Right Relations Circle of Toronto Conference, Toronto United Church 1 Council, and Kairos.

* **TORONTO UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL'S 9TH ANNUAL HEART AND VISION CELEBRATION - MONDAY MAY 15, 2017**

The Heart & Vision concert celebrates our church's commitment to social justice. 2017 award recipients **Dr. Cindy Blackstock** and **The Very Reverend Stan McKay** will be recognized for their advocacy for First Nations peoples. TIFF program director and CBC media critic Jesse Wentz will host the event, featuring jazz singer Jackie Richardson, tenor Richard Margison, Aboriginal women's drumming and singing group Spirit Wind, and others. The concert is from 7:30-9:15 pm at Daniels Spectrum (585 Dundas St. East in Toronto). Tickets are \$25 for the concert only. \$150 tickets are available and include a post-performance reception. They can be purchased online at <http://tinyurl.com/heartandvision2017> or by phone at 905-771-5124. Proceeds support Council's Community Relief Fund, which helps transform church space to meet the needs of the most vulnerable in our communities.

* **Music, Madness and Mayhem!**

The Toronto Community Orchestra is pleased to invite you to our spring concert, "Music, Madness and Mayhem!" on May 9 at 7:30 pm, Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Avenue. We have a wonderful program of music designed to delight your senses and send chills up and down your spine... with selections from Herrmann's Psycho Suite, Gounod's Funeral March of a Marionette, Saint-Saëns' Danse Bacchanale and Danse Macabre, Grieg's Suite No. 1, Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld, and featuring our talented oboist, Eric Chow playing Klughardt's Oboe Concertino. All are welcome, admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted.

* **Beaches Mental Wellness**

Are you or someone you know affected by a Mental Wellness Challenge?

Beaches Mental Wellness is a group of peers helping peers. Join on Tuesdays, Community Centre 55 (97 Main Street), from 7-8pm, for an evening of peer support and sharing. For more details, please visit: <http://www.beachesmentalwellness.com> or the [Beaches Mental Wellness Facebook Page](#)

* **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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