



Eastminster United Church
July 2, 2017
Fourth after Pentecost

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

L: When we walk the pathways of destruction ...

P: We are met by the God of peace and reconciliation

L: When we sit and wonder if there is any way we can be of help ...

P: We encounter the Holy One who invites us to faithful service.

L: When we least expect it ...

P: The Holy One through the Spirit offers us life-giving water!

*Opening Hymn VU #395 Come in, Come in and Sit Down

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

Lord, we talk so easily about being a friendly church. We like to think of ourselves as a place where everyone is welcomed. But our welcome should not stay confined to these walls. We are called to adopt attitudes of hospitality to others who may not return the favour. We are called to be willing to take the risk of hospitality in our workplace, our homes, our community, everywhere we go. You reached out to people in all kinds of conditions. Many of those people had been rejected by their society, their families. They were in need of compassionate greeting and friendship. Lord Jesus, as you have welcomed us regardless of our faults and failings, let us also be a welcoming presence to all in your name. AMEN.

*Sharing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Please share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Time Who is Thirsty?

*The children are invited to Church School in the Hurndale Room
with our Summer Students Katy and Nathan!*

We Share in Word and Song

Epistle Reading: Romans 6: 12-23

Gospel Reading: Matthew 10: 40-42

One: The word of Hope
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Meditation Welcome with Water.

Solo The Water is Wide Michelle Suzanne

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation

We know the reward of God's welcome.
The Holy Spirit has blown through us so that we sing of God's steadfast love continually.
Now, gathered here as prophets of welcome, we respond to what God has done.
We give our gifts of tithes and offerings in the certain hope that
God's welcome will continue in the ministry we offer.

Offering Hymn MV #144 Like a Healing Stream

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

*Dedication Prayer

**Welcoming One, bless these gifts with your Spirit
Transform these gifts into the balm that your world needs.
In these gifts, may we welcome in a new world of love. Amen.**

Prayers of People & the Lord's Prayer (sung) VU#960

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda
Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Fairlawn Avenue United Church
Eastminster Prayer Cycle: Choir and Musicians

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU #582 There's a Spirit in the Air

*Commissioning and Benediction:

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me,
Quench our thirst for love,
Satisfy our need to be known,
Assure us that we are indeed prophets of welcome.
Let us go to proclaim this peace in God's name. Amen.

* Sung Blessing VU #423 God Be With You 'til we Meet Again

God be with you 'til we meet again;

loving counsels guide, uphold you,

with a shepherd's care enfold you;

God be with you 'til we meet again.

Postlude

Hymn To Freedom

Oscar Peterson

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. All children will be together for Church School over the summer. They will be in the Hurndale Room today!

* **Our preacher today is Ann Piper.** Ann was born and raised in Toronto and worshiped at Manor Rd. United Church. After marrying she moved to north Scarborough and raised four children, worshipping at Ebenezer United Church. In 1996 Ann moved to rural west Ottawa where she was the Organist and Music Director at Dunrobin United Church, a very small rural church in a two-point charge with St. Paul's United in Carp, Ontario. Encouraged by members of both congregations to attend a course organized by the Ottawa Presbytery to become a Licensed Lay Worship Leader, she completed the program in 2015. Ann is also a nurse, and recently moved back to Toronto to work in the Emergency Department at St. Joseph's Health Centre. Happily, this has also meant a return to Manor Rd. U.C. where she has been welcomed home.

* **Special thanks to our musicians Mary Gerritsma and Michelle Suzanne!**

Eastminster Events

* **August 11th – Sunday, August 13th: Eastminster Camps!**

A group campsite has once again been reserved at Sibbald Point Provincial Park for our annual camping event. The park is on the south shore of Lake Simcoe and has a nice sandy beach and lots of space to wander in nature, play games, or put up the chairs & relax. If you're planning on attending this amazing weekend, please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or email Kendra, kendramhoward@gmail.com.

* **Late September 2017 - Lay Education** Next Steps on the Journey is for those currently involved with the three East End United congregations (Cosburn, Eastminster, Glen Rhodes) and other faith communities. It offers the chance to grow in faith, leadership and loving service—to take next steps on one's faith journey. We invite anyone, from any United Church congregation to join this program. For more information, visit <http://www.eastminsteruc.org/news/>

Announcements

Summer Update from EUC's Ministry & Personnel (M&P) Committee

Committee Changes: This spring **Diana Hilton** decided to step down from the committee after a number of years of service. Her calm approach and thoughtful insights were incredibly valuable and will be missed. We are grateful to have had Diana's contributions to M&P for so many years.

Christine Leblanc has joined **Carol Bennett, Tom Veenstra** and Cindy Zwicker-Reston on the committee. Welcome, Christine – and thanks for diving right into things with us!

Staffing Updates: We are very excited to make the following announcements:

- Jane Sanden is joining us full time in July in an expanded role. In addition to having more time to focus on the Youth & Intergenerational Ministry, Jane's mandate includes developing and delivering on our communication strategy.
- We have two students joining us for the summer: Our very own Katy Harris will be taking on the children's programming and administrative support role and Nathan Koo will be helping with the building and garden projects.

M&P's role: We report and make recommendations to the Council. Central to our responsibilities is the requirement to be a consultative and supportive body for our staff as well as for members and adherents of the congregation – all to ensure alignment with our vision and mission. We oversee the relationships of our minister and staff with congregants and volunteers. If necessary, the committee also performs a conflict mediation role to facilitate resolution as early as possible.

* **Rev. Sarah is on vacation until August 4.**

For pastoral care please contact Rev. Jane Brushey-Martin 416-399-6810 or Brian Stevens 647-825-5136.

* **Volunteers needed at the North American Indigenous Games July 16-23!**

"The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's (TRC) Calls to Action #88 calls on all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Indigenous athlete development and growth through continued support of the North American Indigenous Games. In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the TRC Calls to Actions call on all Canadians to take part in recognizing the past while building a brighter future for our future generations." See <http://naig2017.to/> to find out more about the games and check out <http://naig2017.to/en/get-involved/volunteers/> if you can sign up to volunteer.

* **Skylight Festival: Justice, Spirituality and Arts in Paris, Ontario July 28-30**

Skylight is a diverse community at the intersection of justice, spirituality, music and art. Inspired by the Greenbelt Festival, UK and the Wild Goose Festival, US and includes programming for all ages. Toronto Southeast Presbytery has funded 30 spots for attendees, use Promo code: SouthEast 100 when registering. For info go to: <https://www.skylightfestival.ca/>

* **Danforth Multi-faith Community Committee are organizing 2nd annual First Eid gift baskets**

We have identified 8 or 9 refugee families in the East End who will be celebrating their first Eid in Canada. We are seeking donations to cover the costs. Donations can be made through Eastminster. Please note on your envelope: Eid Baskets

* **Apartment needed for a single mother and baby**

Do you know of an apartment in the neighbourhood or close to TTC available July 1 that would be suitable for a single mother and baby? Her budget is \$1000 all inclusive. Please speak to Rev. Sarah at sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca if you have any leads.

* **Garden Volunteers Needed!**

Our newly renovated entrance will require some landscaping work and garden plans. If this is something you would like to assist in, please speak to Earl Gronewegen.

* **Refreshments Volunteers Needed!**

Please sign up to bring refreshments after church for a Sunday or two this year. Our custodian prepares the coffee and tea. You bring milk, cream, juice and cookies. The sign-up sheet is at the back!

* **Scripture readers needed!**

Please sign up in the narthex!

Community News

* **July 10- 15, 9am - 4pm, Ages 8 - 12: Fables and Parables!...a FREE Art, Music and Drama Camp**

Participants and instructors will work together through a variety of mediums to create a presentation based on fables and parables! Daily lunch as well as morning and afternoon snacks are included. We have room for **20 students**. For more information and to register call 416-691-9682 or visit HopeUnited.ca or email HopeUnitedChurch@gmail.com

- * **The Alliance for an Inclusive and Accessible Canada (the Alliance)** is conducting a survey to hear from Canadians with disabilities, their families and caregivers. The Government of Canada has committed to adopting a strong federal accessibility law to remove and prevent barriers facing people with disabilities. The Alliance is consulting Canadians to collect their comments, concerns and suggestions about this new law. We want to know what your main accessibility issues are and how they could be addressed through the law. Go to <http://alliance-canada.org/en/survey/> to fill out the online survey today!

* **Yoga for all ages with Mary Rose: Thursdays at 10:30am at Hope United Church**

Free all-ages Yoga class led by Mary Rose. You can do the class seated in a chair or on a mat. The class is designed for gentle movement customized to your mobility. Hope United is fully accessible. Please enter through the double glass doors at 2550 Danforth Ave. 416-691-9682 <http://www.HopeUnited.ca>

* **Glen Rhodes Outreach Ministry - Drop-In Food Bank & Transit Fund**

Open on Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 2 - 4:30 p.m. Do stop in for a coffee or tea, and meet the neighbours. All welcome. The food programme appreciates all your donations of money, coffee, cold cereal, milk powder, mac & cheese, tuna, sugar, cookies/snacks, can openers, toothbrushes and other toiletries, clean 250 and 500ml containers with lids, **egg cartons**, shopping bags and books (romance, novels, mysteries, children's, and so on). TTC tokens or donations for same are received with the offering. These go to assist others with crucial travel.

* **The United Church of Canada's Extreme Hunger Appeal**

The United Church's **Extreme Hunger Appeal** is requesting donations as the humanitarian crisis in Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen reaches grave levels. Twenty million at extreme risk in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen. There is also extreme hunger, malnutrition, and

starvation in Kenya. Small-scale farmers supply the majority of food in Africa, but climate change has created both water and food shortages. Crops are failing and livestock dying. Ongoing conflict contributes to the crisis. **To respond:** Donate online at www.united-church.ca/donate or phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738, and use your Visa or MasterCard or send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to:

The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response
3250 Bloor Street West, Suite 300
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4

Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Extreme Hunger Appeal" on the face of your cheque.

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