

Eastminster United Church

July 9, 2017

Fifth after Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit



“Faith and doubt are needed – not as antagonists but working side by side to take us around the unknown curve.” *Lillian Smith*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn

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

Leader: Creator Spirit, source of life,
whose faithfulness is deeper than the deepest ocean,

All: Carry us safely on the waves of your love.

Leader: As the rain falls on the just and unjust alike

All: Nourish us to know your generous grace and peace.

Leader: As a river flows steadily on, bending and turning, around stones and riverbanks

All: Let it flow over every boundary and border that separates us from one another.

Leader: As we were once held in the waters of our mother's womb,

All: Hold us in the power of your abiding presence.

Leader: As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us,

**All: Renew us now to know your deepest desires for us,
in our relationship with the earth, and with people everywhere.**

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

Children's Time

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

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Celia Muncaster

Meditation

Faith and Leadership

Jane Martin

Anthem

He Came from the Mountain

Bruce Cockburn

*He came from the mountain
To walk among the wounded
They couldn't see him
But the snow did melt whenever he passed by*

*In his world we wait
In his hands our fate
Keep on climbing
We shall see his gate
In good time*

*He came behind winter
His face was like the sun
They wouldn't see it
But he sang on the bank and made the waters run*

*He came to the lowlands
He said we must have faces
So we could see like him
Before our wings would ever come to fly*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn

Let All Who Are Thirsty Come

Taizé Community



Let all who are thir-sty come. Let all who wish re-ceive the wa-ter of life —



free-ly; A - men, come, — Lord Je sus. A men, come, — Lord Je sus.

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

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (VU# 959)

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Eritrea, Ethiopia

Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Jubilee 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

Walk Forth This Day in Beauty

Mary Louise Bringle

1.Walk__ forth this__ day in beau - ty; tread gent - ly
2.Walk__ forth this__ day in wis - dom to__ fos - ter
3.Walk__ forth this__ day in cour - age, in - spired by

on the earth.____ Join__ voice with__ all cre - a - tion in__
and in - crease____ the__ Light that__ shines in dark - ness, a__
God's own breath,____ to__ wit - ness__ res - ur - rec - tion, in__

can - ti - cles of mirth. With songs of__ ju - bi - la - tion for__
har - bin - ger of peace. Break through the__ clouds that blind__ us in__
tri - umph ov - er death: to strength - en__ all who lan - guish, to__

this, our__ fra - gile home,____ walk__ forth this__ day in beau
hat - red, pride, and fear.____ Walk__ forth this__ day in wis -
com - fort__ all who grieve.____ Walk__ forth this__ day in cour -

ty to__ cel - e - brate sha - - - lom.
dom: let__ love's new dawn ap - - - pear.
age to__ live as you be - - - lieve.

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*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing

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

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.

- * **Our preacher today is Rev. Jane Brushey Martin.** Jane grew up in small town northern Ontario where everyone knew everyone else, where saying hello on the street was the thing to do, even to "strangers", where it was safe to play hockey on the local pond and where church was THE centre of their lives. She studied music at U of T, taught high school for a few years, started a medical business with her husband, Geoffrey. Together they grew the business, sold it and Jane found herself called to enter Emmanuel College to figure out why she called herself a Christian. She was ordained in 2002 and has gone on to study pastoral counselling and relational psychotherapy. She is currently a Volunteer Associate Minister (VAM) at Eastminster UC and is a Registered Psychotherapist working two days/week at an outreach program at The Church of the Redeemer Anglican Church. Jane has a private practice on St George Street. She is passionate about pastoral care, about standing up for those who are marginalized or oppressed. She and her husband have 3 grown children and 2 grandchildren all of whom make them laugh when life gets a bit too serious.
- * **Special thanks to our musicians Michelle Suzanne, Mary Gerritsma, Wendy Donaldson, and Andrew Donaldson for sharing their gift of music today.**

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

- * **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/>
- * **Apartment needed for a single mother and baby** Do you know of an apartment in the neighbourhood or close to TTC 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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