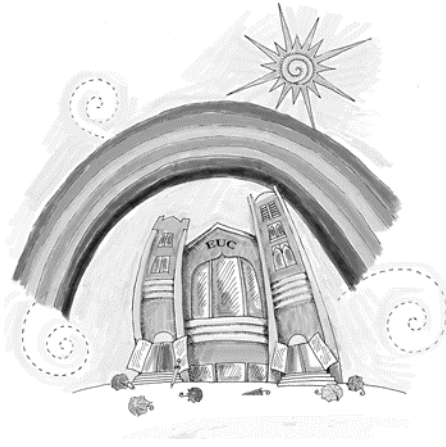


# Eastminster United Church

## August 13, 2017

### Tenth after Pentecost

*\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Norman Tanaka

\*Opening Hymn

MV #10 – Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: From this small flame, may a fire of passion spread from heart to heart!

**All: Holy Spirit, light our way!**

Opening Prayer

Jesus, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your purposed journey for our lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm.

**Gracious God,**

**you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things.**

**We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear.**

**We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship.**

**We are not able to fulfill your commandments, for our purposes are never in full accord with yours.**

**Forgive us, we pray, when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts.**

**Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances.**

**Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy.**

**Though we are distracted by noise all around, allow us to hear your voice even when it is the sound of sheer silence . . .**

*Silence*

**We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Our God sees all, knows all, forgives all,  
restores all through Jesus Christ.

No one who believes in him will be put to shame,  
for everyone who calls on the name of the Saviour shall be saved.

\*Sharing the Peace

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

## We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture	Genesis 37:12-28 <i>Joseph is sold into slavery</i>	Andrew Cassidy
Greek Scripture	Matthew 14:22-33 <i>Jesus walks on water</i>	Andrew Cassidy
Meditation	Fear Factor	Brian Elcombe
Solo – Andrew Hodwitz	You'll Never Walk Alone	Rogers & Hammerstein

## We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn MV #90 – Don't Be Afraid

*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)

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Eastminster United Church

Eastminster Prayer Cycle: Greeters and ushers

## We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn MV #216 – Wherever You May Go

\*Blessing & Sending Forth

\*Sung Blessing MV # 224 – May the God of Peace

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 Church School in the Hurndale Room!

\* **Our guest preacher today is Brian Elcombe.** Brian retired from CN Rail in 2012 after 39 years. He and his wife Lea recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. They have 3 grown children and a cantankerous old cat. Brian studied at the Centre for Christian Studies in Winnipeg, and Tyndale College as well as training in Stephen Ministries. He is currently at Glen Rhodes United Church as the Mission and Outreach Facilitator. As a worship leader, Brian focuses on community building and creating space for engaging the senses. He practices Ignation style Taize meditation and enjoys physical fitness.

## Eastminster Events

\* **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

- \* **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

- \* **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**  
Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 2 – 4:30 p.m. 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, mysteries, children's, etc). TTC tokens or donations for same are received with the offering.

\* **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.

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**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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