



Eastminster United Church

March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"Jesus promised his disciples three things; that they would be completely fearless, absurdly happy, and in constant trouble." - G.K. Chesterton

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

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 Hymn* VU#155 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Opening Prayer

God of the New Day,

you are the life of all that lives,

energy that fills the earth,

vitality to make whole whatever is bruised or broken.

In you we grow to know the truth that sets all creation free.

You are the song the whole earth sings; the promise liberation brings.

Come to us, God, like fresh water, softening the soil of a parched and weary land.

Amen. Hallelujah!

**Sharing the Peace*

Children's Time

Hallelujahs

We Share in Word and Song

Gospel Acclamation

"Gloria"

Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria, gloria,
In excelsis Deo!

*Glory, glory,
to God in the highest!*

Scripture

Luke 24:1-35

Lorie Fairburn

One:

The word of Hope

All:

Thanks be to God!

Response

“Et in terra pax” and “Laudamus te”

Antonio Vivaldi
Soloists: Michelle Suzanne
and Sarah Hallikas

Laudamus te, benedicimus te. *We praise you, we bless you.*
Adoramus te, glorificamus te. *We adore you, we glorify you.*

Et in terra pax hominibus *And on earth peace to those*
bonae voluntatis. *of good will.*

Meditation

The Table Transformed

Rev. Sarah Miller

Solo

“Domine Deus”

Antonio Vivaldi
Soloist: Joy Klopp

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, *Lord God, Ruler of Heaven,*
Deus Pater omnipotens *Fatherly God almighty:*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn MV#12 Come Touch Our Hearts

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

*Dedication Prayer

We Celebrate Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Meleah Bennett

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift our hearts in prayer.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Sung responses: MV# 203, 204 & 205

**O holy, holy, holy God,
O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above
bear witness to your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest heaven,
creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who
comes and bears your name
always!**

**Sing Christ has died and
Christ is risen, Christ will
come again!**

**Amen, amen, O Holy One!
Hosanna and Amen!**

Songs during Communion Bread for the Journey

Bread for the jour - ney, _____ food for the way. _____
 Pain pour la rou - te, _____ pour nos che - mins. _____

Cup of God's bles - sing, _____ to - mor - row, to - day. _____
 De Dieu la cou - pe, _____ au - jourd' - hui, de - main. _____

Welcome Table

African-American Spiritual

I'm gon na sit at the wel - come ta _____ ble; I'm gon na
 sit at the wel - come ta - ble one of these days, hal - le - lu - jah; I'm gon na sit at the wel - come
 ta _____ ble; I'm gon na sit at the wel - come ta - ble one of these days. _____

- Verse 2: I'm gonna eat with my sisters and brothers...
- Verse 3: We're gonna feast on milk and honey...
- Verse 4: I'm gonna eat and drink with Jesus...
- Verse 5: Here all the world will find a welcome...

Prayer Following Communion

Thank you Holy God for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Amen.

Anthem

“Quoniam tu solus sanctus,” “Cum sancto Spiritu”

Antonio Vivaldi

Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,
 Tu solus Dominus,
 Tu solus altissimus
 Jesu Christe.

*You alone are holy,
 You alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the highest
 Jesus Christ.*

Cum Sancto spiritu,
 In Gloria Dei Patris,
 Amen.

*With the Holy Spirit,
 In glory of God the Father,
 Amen.*

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

Hallelujah Chorus, from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Postlude

Today

Scripture: Luke 24:1-35 *p. 90*



* **Welcome to Eastminster**

Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive the weekly eblast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also 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 we are immensely grateful for the gifts of a large number of musicians who generously enrich our worship on this festive day. In addition to the talents of our soloists, choir, and instrumentalists from within our community, we also welcome members of the Toronto Community Orchestra (Leonidas Varahidis, Artistic Director; Bonnie Sheckter, General Manager).

Violin: Jerry Brail, Marshall Walker, Natasha Tennant, Susan Ross, Lorette Steenman, Sharon Scanlan; Viola: Catherine Inglis, Kathy Robson, Janet Sankey; Cello: Bonnie Sheckter, Eleanor Moore; Trumpet: Darrin Hicks; Oboe: Jennifer Jones; Flute: Marie Campbell; Timpani: Marlene Sagada.

We are also pleased to welcome lutenists Lucas Harris and Robert Temkin. The instrument they are playing is the theorbo, a Baroque-era stringed instrument with an extended neck for lower bass notes, which was a staple of the accompaniment of eighteenth-century music. Thank you all so much for sharing your time and talents with us today.

* **Rev. Sarah will be on Study Leave from March 28-April 3.**

During this time Rev. Robin Wardlaw from Glen Rhodes United Church is on call for pastoral care. His contact info is: 416-465-3755, glenrhodesminister@bellnet.ca

* **Worship Services**

The Easter season continues with a series focused on Living in Hope as Easter People: In light of all the information, negative news, scheduling, daily challenges...how do we foster a life lived in hope and spirit filled expectation? On April 3 Jane Sanden will speak on the role of faith communities. Sarah will speak on complaining and happiness on April 10. On April 17 we celebrate baptism! You don't want to miss a minute of worship at Eastminster!

* **Worship Survey**

The worship committee is asking everyone to provide feedback on our worship services by completing a short Worship Feedback Survey. Your answers will help us create a committee workplan for the coming year. You can participate in the Worship Feedback Survey by going to this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/worshipsurvey2016>

It will only take a few minutes to complete. We will keep the survey open for three weeks. It will be closed on April 10 at midnight. We greatly appreciate hearing any comments or concerns you wish to share with us. You can also direct concerns to Rev. Sarah Miller, Susan Bower (past chair), or Jenn Thomson (incoming chair.) Thank you.

* **Tues. April 12 @ 7pm: Newcomers & Seekers: Exploring Faith, Doubt, Questions & Struggles**

Who am I? What is creation? What is the future? and other big questions. This is a time for exploring the Christian faith with others in a small group setting. Starts at 7pm until 8.30pm at Eastminster United Church – 310 Danforth Ave. (in the Parlour) Presented by East End United, and led by Rev. Sarah Miller (Eastminster) & Rev. Robin Wardlaw (Glen Rhodes United Church). The final meeting is on April 26. Please speak to Rev. Sarah Miller to register.

	Announcement Deadline for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: <u>Wednesday at 9am</u> Please send to Sue at: eastminster@bellnet.ca thanks!	
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From Our Friends

* **Fri. April 1 @ 7pm: 23rd Annual Community Variety Show**

Location: Presteign-Woodbine United Church (16 Presteign Avenue, Near St. Clair West and O'Connor). PWUC would like to invite everyone to come out to their 23rd Annual Community Variety Show! Tickets available at the door are \$7 per person or bring the family for \$20. Info: 416 755-8352 or pwoffice@gmail.com

* **Sat. April 2 @ 7pm: Univox Community Choir Presents: Everything Beautiful**

Join Univox Choir and conductor Tahirih Vejdani as they present an evening of some of Broadway's most beautiful choruses. Everything Beautiful features songs from West Side Story, Sunday in The Park With George, Phantom of the Opera, and Wicked. **Location:** Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Ave. Info & Tickets at: <http://univoxchoir.org/everything-beautiful/>

* **Fri. April 8 @ 6.30pm: SoundCrowd Launch – with Scott Pietrangelo!**

Location: The Studio Bar, 824 Dundas St. W. Official Launch of **SoundCrowd**, Toronto's first large-scale a cappella vocal ensemble! Doors open at 6:30pm, live launch of the website and official promo video at 7:30pm, followed by AMAZING performances by our special guests: Cadence - Four Men. For Microphones. No Instruments; Mark Cassius - former Nylon and Broadway Veteran; Wibi - York University's a cappella ensemble; TBA - pop a cappella group from UofT; Onoscatopoeia - UofT a cappella jazz ensemble; The Asian Riffing Trio - incredible vocal stylings of Chris Tsujiuchi, Kevin Wong and Colin Asuncion. Admission is \$20 cash at the door. Please reserve your tickets by e-mailing info@soundcrowd.ca

* **Sat. April 9 @ 7.30pm: "Make the Rent" Fundraiser!**

A fundraiser for Eastminster Refugee Sponsorship Groups! *(see poster at the end of the Bulletin)*

* **Sat. April 9 @ 3:30 pm: The Cost of Peace vs. the Cost of War, by Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish**

Location: Danforth Mennonite Church, 2174 Danforth Avenue, (just east of Woodbine Station)
Join us to hear: **Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish** - the 'Gaza Doctor', also known as *the Martin Luther King of the*

Middle East speak about being a physician in Gaza and Israeli hospitals, and the losses he endured. He now lives in Toronto, works in the area of public health, and speaks to raise money for his foundation Daughters for Life to help other Palestinian girls get a good education. The talk will be followed by Q&A, and refreshments. Info: 416- 423-5406 http://www.consciencecanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/CC_NL_201602.pdf / <https://www.facebook.com/events/1527865830841693/>

*** Sun. April 24 @7:30 pm: Concert with the Four Men**

A fundraiser for Mission and Service, and the ministry of Glen Rhodes United Church. Tickets are now available. Everyone is invited, spread the word! General Admission \$20 / Youth (7-18) \$10. Free admission for children 6 and under. Info: 416-465-3755 / glenrhodesunited@bellnet.com

*** Earth Sunday, April 24 @2pm: Eco Comedy at Trinity-St. Paul's United Church**

The climate crisis is the defining issue of our time. In the face of something so profound and threatening can we have a laugh at our behaviour? TSP member and award-winning playwright David S. Craig thinks we can. His newest play, "Lysistrata and the Temple of Gaia" re-imagines the classic Greek comedy by Aristophanes as a sex strike, not to stop a war, but to save a planet. Trinity-St. Paul's, in conjunction with toronto350.org, is staging a professional reading of this new play on Earth Sunday. Tickets are on sale *on-line* <www.trinitystpauls.ca/event/lysistrata/> and at the door: \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for students and seniors.



*** Read Beth Baskin's very informative "Justice Note" bi-weekly updates & event notices here:**
<https://torontoconference.ca/torontosoutheast/outreach-social-justice-project.php> or contact Beth at: bbaskin@united-church.ca

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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