



Eastminster United Church
An East End United Congregation
April 1st, 2018
Easter Sunday

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"I greet you from the other side of sorrow and despair with a love so vast and shattered it will reach you everywhere."

- Leonard Cohen

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Catherine Inglis

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 #232 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (st. 1, 2, 4)

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

Please share the peace of Christ with one another.

The children are invited to Church School in the Hurndale Room.



We Share in Word and Song

Poem
Scripture

Morning Poem
Mark 16:1-8

Lorie Fairburn

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

Meditation

Risen Love

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

Love Brought Me Back!

Mark Miller

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn:

Total Praise

Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift mine eyes to the hills, knowing my
 help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the
 storm. You are the source of my strength, you are the strength
 of my life, I lift my hands in total praise to you.

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

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.

Communion Responses:

O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, O
Ho san - na in the high - est heav'n, Cre-
Sing Christ has died, Christ is ris'n, and
A - men, a - men, O Ho - ly One, Ho-

God of time and space. All earth and sea and
a - tion sings your praise. And bless - ed is the
Christ will come a - gain! Sing Christ has died,
san - na and a - men! A - men, a - men, O

sky a - bove bear wit - ness to your grace.
One who comes and bears your name al - ways!
Christ is ris'n, and Christ will come a - gain!
Ho - ly One, Ho - san - na, and a - men.

Songs during Communion:

VU #480 Let Us Break Bread Together

Welcome Table

Prayer Following Communion

Once again, Love resurrected, has met us in the garden and touched and transformed us with Life. Life in all its fullness now calls us onwards into the powerful reality, the challenging potential and the vibrant possibilities of life resurrected. We go forth with hope renewed! Alleluia! Amen!

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy, strong embracing Presence

Dedicated to the Eastminster United Church Choir, Easter 2018

Andrew Donaldson

♩ = 58

NICEA



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Strong, em - brac - ing Pre - sence,
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Word, e - ter - nal Wis - dom
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Un - seen Dove des - cend - ing,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Wind and fire of Pre - sence,



Love be - yond all nam - ing, Your name for - ev - er blest,
Shines on ev - ery liv - ing soul who dwells up - on the earth,
Jour - ney - ing, en - cour - ag - ing, and mov - ing where she will,
Love be - yond all nam - ing, now mak - ing all things new,



Voice in sa - cred still - ness sings us in - to
Face of God's com - pas - sion, Friend of the for -
Weaves cre - a - tion's har - mo - nies, Knows our hu - man
Voice of joy - ful wak - 'ning, sing us in - to



be - ing, You were, You are; we live and move in You.
got - ten Dares us to fol - low, walk - ing in the Way.
long - ing; O Ho - ly Spir - it, move a - mong us still.
be - ing, You were, You are; we live and move in You.

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*Commissioning and Benediction:

Postlude

Hallelujah! from *A Soulful Celebration*

George F. Handel

arr. Marvyn Warren, Michael O. Jackson, and Mark Kibble

Today

* **Welcome to Eastminster, an East End United Congregation**



If you're new, please fill out a contact card and drop it in the collection plate if you would like our weekly email newsletter or would like more information about Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also in the Narthex. Children 4+ are invited to church school after we pass the peace.

Special thanks to Josh Grossman (trumpet), Paul Metcalfe (saxophone), Karl Silveira (trombone), and Adrian Goodman (drums) for sharing their gifts of music today. We also thank Andrew Donaldson for composing a hymn text for our community to sing on this Easter Day.

Thank you Catherine Inglis, Lorie Fairburn, and the Community and Discipleship Committee for your generous help with our service today!

East End News/Announcements

* **OUT OF THE COLD at Eastminster. Providing basic needs, warmth, dignity, kindness**

We are short volunteers for the dinner shift on Good Friday (March 30th) as well as Fridays in April (extended at city's request). If you are available to help out from 6:15 - 8:30, please sign up. If you are a new volunteer to OOTC, please use the link on the church website.

* **Volunteers are needed to welcome, read Scripture, offer prayers of the people, and provide refreshments.** If you would like to offer your time and talent, please sign up in the narthex!!

* **Eastminster Nursery is Hiring**

We're looking for one or two people who are interested in a part time job looking after babies on Sunday mornings in our nursery.

For more info, contact Jane Sanden janesanden@eastendunited.ca.

* **GLEN RHODES OUTREACH MINISTRY: Drop-in Food Bank**

Wednesdays 9:00-11:30am & 2:00-4:00pm

Glen Rhodes United Church

Glen Rhodes Food Program Update: Second Harvest food rescue organization delivered more than 30,000 pounds of perishable food valued at more than \$75,000 to the Glen Rhodes Food bank in the six months ending on February 28. Second Harvest, founded in 1985 is dedicated to reducing waste and diverting food from landfill sites. In a mid-year report to Glen Rhodes it said "Second Harvest would like to express our gratitude to your team for ensuring the food we rescue is put to good use. We are thankful to be partnered with organizations like yours, whose dynamic programming and commitment to addressing food insecurity is helping to make Toronto a stronger, healthier city."

Volunteer opportunity: The food bank at Glen Rhodes Church needs able-bodied helpers on Monday mornings to unload the weekly food delivery from Daily Bread. The task takes about one hour. The truck arrives between 9am and 12pm. Also needed are calm, responsible volunteers on Wednesday morning or afternoon for a variety of tasks such as helping in the kitchen to breaking down boxes or cleaning-up and stacking chairs after closing at 3:30pm Need more information? Contact Clarisse at Clarisse@TekSavvy.com or 416-690-1834.

* **SLEEPING EASIER - Collecting milk bags at Cosburn**

The collecting of outer milk bags has been very successful thanks to the efforts of everyone at the three East End United campuses. It takes 500 bags to make one sleeping mat. We are now ready to take it to the next step – preparing these bags for the weaving process. Many hands make light work... If you are interested in getting involved, please consider joining us for the cutting and trimming of the bags. Our CATS creative social time on Thursday afternoons (1:00-4:00 pm) would be an ideal opportunity to begin this next step. Please contact Greta King (greet9x46@gmail.com) for more information.

* **CATS: Community Art Time Studio**

Thursdays 1:00-4:00pm

Cosburn United Church

Drop-in for art and community, all levels and interests welcome - bring a project you're working on, or start something new. Some basic materials are available but participants are welcome to bring their own.

For more information, contact Greta King 416-421-5711.

East End Events

* **EXPLORING OUR FAITH**

Faith Talk by Susan Wakefield on WORSHIP

April 3 7:00-9:00pm

Eastminster Parlour

Join Susan Wakefield to explore questions like: What is your purpose for worship? What is true worship?

* **East End United Pastoral Care Team Meeting**

Sunday April 8 12:30-2:00pm

Glen Rhodes

Anyone wishing to join or to come and see what the newly-formed East End Pastoral Care Team is doing, are invited to attend.

* **READS Book Club**

Friday April 20 7:00pm (book talk) 9:00pm (social)

Book: *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

Eleanor Oliphant introduces us to a wholly unique character in only 322 pages; one we'll never forget! It's a contemporary novel set in Scotland that's newly published and internationally popular!

While we have read about many endearing male characters (Ove, Harold Frye, Major Pettigrew, Graeme Simpson's guy in The Rosie Project)....this is our female counterpart to get to know. A deceptively easy and delightful read. Buy your book or get a book buddy to share with.

As hard to get at the library (hundreds of holds waitlisted for it). Please note our meeting is not at the end of the month (one week early).

Enjoy a lively discussion by the fire, followed by the 9 pm Social Wine and Cheese. Held at the home of Neil Riach and Carolyn Curren, a block from the church. For address, queries email Carolyn at: neilcarolyn@idirect.com or call [416 465 6174](tel:4164656174) or John Brown at [416 463 0844](tel:4164630844).

* **EAST END TRANSITIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

April 21 9:30am

Cosburn United

Transitional council meetings are always open to any observers who would like to attend.

* **ANCIENT COIN TALK by Enrico De Dominicis**

Wednesday April 25 7pm

Eastminster United Church Auditorium.

'Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's....a journey with the coins of ancient Judea!'

Community Events

* **FUNDRAISER ART SHOW AND SALE**

April 7 10:00am-4:00pm

Kingsway-Lambton United Church- 85 the Kingsway

Take the opportunity to discover a wide selection of art at the 21st Annual Art Show and Sale at Kingsway-Lambton United Church. There will be a \$10 admission that includes a draw for a painting by Darlene Kulig.

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters -	Meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays:	7:30 - 9.30pm	Adult Choir	Meets in the Sanctuary

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