



Eastminster United Church  
*An East End United Congregation*  
April 8, 2018  
1st Sunday after Easter

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

*"Walk fearlessly into the house of mourning. For grief is just love squaring up to its oldest enemy, and after all these mortal human years love is up to the challenge."*

*Kate Braestrup*

**We Gather as God's People**

Words of Welcome

Dale Hildebrand

\*Opening Hymn:

VU #178 Because You Live, O Christ

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 Prayer

adapted from *Sight*, by Barbara Strang

**God, when we feel like we've been hiding  
from your sight.  
Help us to realize that's not possible  
for you are within us and we see from your eyes  
That's why we don't see you looking at us.  
We are in your sight.  
Amen**

\*Sharing the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

*Please share the peace of Christ with one another.*

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

Introduction

Parent's Promise and Commitment

Godparents' Promise and Commitment

\*Congregational Promise and Commitment

Let us pledge our support and care to those who we have welcomed today.

**In community together we are transformed by each newcomer. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to this congregation. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out and celebrate the life and ministry of being the church.**

\*Affirmation of Faith : A New Creed

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church;**

**to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Blessing of the Water and the Act of Baptism

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

**We Share in Word and Song**

Greek Scripture:

Luke 15:1-10

Neil Riach

One: The word of Hope!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Lost and Found

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

We Are Not Alone

Pepper Choplin

**We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Offering Hymn:

VU #360 A Woman and a Coin -- The Coin is Lost

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

\*Dedication Prayer

Covenanting with Church Council and Committees

**Prayers of People & the Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

Dale Hildebrand

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

Toronto Southeast Presbytery: The Donway Covenant United Church

East End Prayer Cycle: Greeters and Ushers

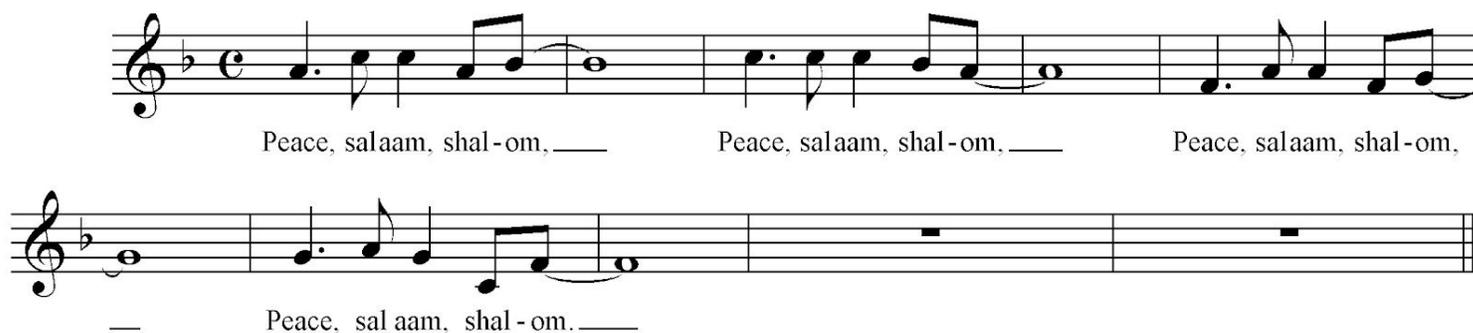
## We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn: VU #164 The Day of Resurrection

\*Commissioning and Benediction

\*Sung Blessing Peace, Salaam, Shalom Pat Humphries and Sandy O  
Emma's Revolution  
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Peace, salaam, shal-om, — Peace, salaam, shal-om, — Peace, salaam, shal-om,  
— Peace, sal aam, shal - om. —

Postlude

## 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.

Thank you to Dale Hildebrand (words of welcome, Prayers of the People), Neil Riach (scripture), Paul, Isabel, Lucy, and Corena Childerhose (refreshments) and Jonathan Lin (sound) for all your help with the service today! If you want to volunteer your time and talents, please sign up in the Narthex!

**Today we welcome** through baptism Ruby, daughter of Alexis and John Hood, and Ellis, son of Morgan Flemming Smith & Jeffrey Smith. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please speak to Rev. Sarah.

## East End News/Announcements

- \* Barbara Strang passed away on April 3, 2018 at home surrounded by her family. She was richly blessed in her fifty-five years of life, the last nine of which she journeyed with cancer.

She died with a heart full of love and gratitude for her husband Guy Smagghe and daughters Isabelle and Nathalie Strang, her mother, sister and brother Ethel, Susan and Don Strang, her extended family, and all of her dear friends. She was also grateful to the many medical professionals who helped her in recent years.

A Celebration of Barbara's Life will take place at Eastminster United Church on April 21 at 2pm, with a reception to follow. Visitation will take place April 20 from 6-9pm in the Parlour at Eastminster. Barbara revelled in colour, so please dress in whatever colours you are moved to wear.

- \* **Upcoming East End Worship:**

*"If an audience kept complete silence during a challenge parable from Jesus and if an audience filed past him afterward saying, 'Lovely parable, this morning, Rabbi,' Jesus would have failed utterly."*

—John Dominic Crossan, *The Power of Parable: How Fiction by Jesus Became Fiction about Jesus*

For the season of Easter, we explore the teachings of Jesus through parables and how they spoke to Jesus' first audience, and are still relevant to us today.

As we now share a ministry staff team for East End United, we will be sharing worship together more frequently. Here's a schedule for the next couple of months so you can plan ahead.

**April 15: Parable of the Prodigal Son**

11:00am at Cosburn with Rev. Jane  
10:30am at Eastminster with Michiko  
10:30am at Glen Rhodes with Rev. Sarah

**April 22: Parable of the Great Pearl**

11:00am at Cosburn with Rev. Sarah  
10:30am at Eastminster with Rev. Jane  
10:30am at Glen Rhodes with Michiko

**April 29: Parable of the Good Samaritan**

NO SERVICE at Cosburn  
10:30am at Eastminster with Michiko  
10:30am at Glen Rhodes with Rev. Jane

**May 6: Parable of the Vineyard Worker**

11:00am at Cosburn with Michiko  
10:30am at Eastminster with Rev. Sarah  
10:30am at Glen Rhodes with Rev. Jane

**May 13: Parable of the Sower and Mustard Seed**

11:00am at Cosburn with Rev. Jane  
10:30am at Eastminster with Rev. Sarah  
10:30am at Glen Rhodes with Michiko

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

We have an additional four weeks of Out of the Cold remaining - thank you for your continued support. Donations of men's jeans and running shoes are needed. Also, we are short of volunteers for the last dinner shift on Friday April 27th. If you are available to help out from 6:15-8:30pm, 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](mailto: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](mailto:Clarisse@TekSavvy.com) or 416-690-1834.

\* **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

\* **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.

\* **EXPLORING OUR FAITH**

**A conversation with Alanna Mitchell**

**April 17 7:00-9:00pm**

**Eastminster Parlour**

Alanna Mitchell is an award-winning Canadian journalist, author and playwright who writes about the intersection of science and society.

She is the author of 5 books including *Sea Sick: The Global Ocean in Crisis*; *Malignant Metaphor: Confronting Cancer Myths*; and her latest, *The Spinning Magnet: The Force That Created the Modern World--and Could Destroy It*.

She is recognized as one of North America's most respected environmental and science journalists who has done field research with scientists on every continent - praised for her ability to translate complex science into elegant literary non-fiction, including turning *Sea Sick* into an acclaimed one-woman play.

"We are connected to every stone, every creature, every cloud, every galaxy. And not just connected. We are the same stuff."

-Alanna Mitchell, "In the Beginning" *The United Church Observer*. January 2018.

\* **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 or John Brown at 416 463 0844.**

\* **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.

\* **COIN TALK**

**Wednesday April 25 7:00pm**

**Eastminster United Church Auditorium**

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

Join Enrico for another popular Ancient History Coin Talk!

## Community Events

\* **The TCO Presents "Dancing with the Stars"**

**May 8, 7:30pm**

**Eastminster United Church**

The Toronto Community Orchestra is very pleased to invite you to a fantastic evening of classical, folk, and all that jazz!

Featuring Dvorak's Romance for Violin and Orchestra, Holst's Jupiter (from the Planets), a Suite from the movie Chicago (arr. Ted Rickets), and more!

With soloists Alessia Disimino, and Alex Redman

All are welcome, admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted. Please join us in the Auditorium for a reception after the concert.

## 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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