



Eastminster United Church
An East End United Congregation
April 29, 2018
4th Sunday after Easter

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

I spent a lot of years trying to outrun or outsmart vulnerability by making things certain and definite, black and white, good and bad. My inability to lean into the discomfort of vulnerability limited the fullness of those important experiences that are wrought with uncertainty: Love, belonging, trust, joy, and creativity to name a few.

-Brene Brown

We Gather as God's People

Words of Welcome

Ron McKay

***Opening Hymn:**

VU #595 We Are Pilgrims

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!

Call to Worship

One: In love and joy God calls us together.

All: And so we meet this day, as friends, as neighbors, as family in Christ.

One: Called together by God, we bring our offerings to God:

All: Our songs, our hearts, our prayers, our lives.

One: Grateful for this opportunity to give and receive, let us worship God.

Introit

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Amen.

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in God.
Let us revere, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart. 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 children are invited to Church School in the Hurndale Room.

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture	Luke 10:25-37	Susan Wakefield
Sermon	Who Deserves my Vulnerability?	Michiko Bown-Kai
Anthem	A Traveller took the Road (Luke 10; after "Blanche comme la neige")	Andrew Donaldson

Responses (echo):	What do you think he did – This alien, this Samaritan?
A traveler took the road, Jerusalem to Jericho...	He left when it was day, Left money, with a promise...
Two holy men chanced by: A Priest, and then a Preacher...	What kind of kin-dom's this? Oh God, is this my neighbour?

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Faith Story		Paula Neilson
Offering Hymn:	MV #81 Love Us into Fullness	

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

***Dedication Prayer**

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

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:	Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
Toronto Southeast Presbytery:	Lawrence Park Community Church
East End Prayer Cycle:	Ministry and Administrative Staff

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Blessing and Farewell to Michelle Pillar

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn: MV #89 Love is the Touch

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Sung Blessing We'll Share a Light Paul Hutchison

We'll share a light with those whose hearts are griev - ing, we'll sing a
song that lifts our hearts in love. We'll be a place where all can come to - geth - er, To share the
prom - ise of God's dreams to come. We'll share your road when all is dark and
emp - ty, We'll be the arms en - fold - ing you in
prayer. We'll be the hand that reach - es through the heart - ache, the still, small
voice of prom - ise: We are not a - lone.

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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 Ron McKay, Susan Wakefield, John Bowman, and Alexis Hood for their contributions to today's service. Your generosity of time and energy are so appreciated, we couldn't do it without you!

Special thanks this week to Annabelle Willow Grant for taking the time to gather the abundance of leftover books from the office and donate them to the Toronto Libraries!

East End News/Announcements

* **Rev. Sarah Miller will be away on study leave April 23-30. Please contact Rev. Jane Brushey-Martin or Intern Minister Michiko Bown-Kai for pastoral concerns.**

* **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.

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

May 15: Taize Service

7:00pm at Glen Rhodes with Hilary Seraph Donaldson

* **East End Covenant Vote and Q&A**

Q&A - Sunday, April 22, After Service in the Sanctuary

Covenant Vote - May 6

Our next step is for each congregation to vote on our Joint Covenant.

Before the vote, we welcome your questions regarding the covenant and anything else you're curious about regarding the transition.

Motion

Resolved that this congregation of Eastminster, meeting on 22 April, 2018, request that Toronto Southeast Presbytery approve the amalgamation of Cosburn United Church, Eastminster United Church and Glen Rhodes United Church into a single pastoral charge as of June 30, 2018 in accordance with the terms and considerations of the Covenant Agreement dated March 13, 2018.

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

So far we have served over 2,300 hot dinners, 2500+ bowls of homemade soup, and served approximately 7,000 cups of coffee and tea, 2800 glasses of orange juice, 2600+ nutritious snack size protein and fruit salads. We are short of volunteers to serve our final delicious meals of the season on Friday April 27th. 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!!

* **THEATRE @ EASTMINSTER - NEW WEBSITE!!**

From the creative team that brought you Lady in the Van and Agnes of God, Theatre @ Eastminster brings you a new show in June: Grusome Playground Injuries.

For more information about the production and tickets, check out their new website

<http://theatreateastminster.strikingly.com>

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

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

Glen Rhodes United Church

Volunteer's needed to pick up bread!

The Glen Rhodes Food Bank needs a volunteer with a car May- September to pick up bread from Cobs on the the Danforth on Tuesday evenings around 7:20pm, and transport it to the food bank where Ruth will assist in unloading.

Thank you John and Eleanor for their service picking up bread this year!

For questions or to volunteer, Contact Clarisse at Clarisse@TekSavvy.com or 416-690-1834.

* **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.

* **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**
Tuesday May 1 7:00-9:00pm
Eastminster United Church - Parlour

Come join our Circle Talk. We will be reflecting on an article by Pema Chodron "The Answer to Anger and Aggression is Patience", Lion's Roar, March 1, 2005. <https://www.lionsroar.com/>

"We can suppress anger and aggression or act it out, either way making things worse for ourselves and others. Or we can practice patience: wait, experience the anger and investigate its nature." -Pema Chodron

Come join the circle for a discussion on this step by step powerful practice

* **Experience a Therapeutic Touch session for yourself**
Sunday May 6, 11:45AM - 1:30PM
Eastminster Parlour

Therapeutic Touch® (TT) is an accepted healing modality which can promote relaxation, reduce anxiety, manage pain, improve sleep and facilitate healing. Standing firmly on 40 years of clinical practice and research, it is widely used both by health-care professionals and laypersons. Although profound in effect it is easily taught and learned and is a skill available to everyone. Experience the benefits of TT for yourself. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex to reserve your spot
Contact - Paula Neilson pmneilson@gmail.com
Eastminster Therapeutic Touch Branch

* **EAST END TAIZE WORSHIP SERVICE**
Tuesday May 15 7:00pm
Glen Rhodes United Church

Join Hilary Seraph Donaldson as she leads us through a contemplative Taize worship service.

* **DOCUMENTARY SCREENING**
Belonging in the Body- Transgender Journeys of Faith
June 8 7:30pm
Eastminster United Church

Join East End United in collaboration with Generous Space Ministries for a screening of "Belonging in the

Body- Transgender Journeys of Faith" followed by a Q&R with Executive Director, Wendy VanderWal-Gritter.

Community Events

* **#TORONTOSTRONG VIGIL**

Sunday April 29 7:00pm

Mel Lastman Square- 5100 Yonge St

This City-hosted vigil, organized in collaboration with community groups Faith in the City and the Toronto Area Interfaith Council, will be an interfaith demonstration of Toronto's diverse communities as well as a display of the city's resiliency.

* **METROPOLITAN UNITED'S ANNIVERSARY SERVICE**

Sunday April 29 7:30pm

Metropolitan United Church- 56 Queen St. East

Metropolitan Church was built to gather the wider community of churches into one great space. This evening service welcomes all United Church of Canada congregations and will feature over one hundred choir members from area United Churches. The Rev. Dr. G. Malcolm Sinclair will preach on "The Hook in the Song."

* **SISTER ACT presented by the Curtain Call Players (CCP)**

May 4-12 Matinees @ 2:00pm, Evening shows @ 8:00pm

Fairview Library Theatre- 35 Fairview Mall Dr.

CCP was founded at Glen Rhodes and many of our members either appear on stage or help with front of house or crew! For more information and tickets, you can check out their website <http://www.curtaincalltoronto.com/>

* **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.

* **THE TORONTO CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS The Music of The Beatles**

May 16 7:30pm

Eastminster United Church



**THE EASTMINSTER
CHOIR PRESENTS**

CANADA

*Sweet and savoury
snacks, coffee and
tea provided*

EH?

*A live rock band and
surprise special
guests!*

CONCERT AND DANCE PARTY!

**Featuring the works of Canadian
Singer/Songwriters**

MAY 27, 7pm | \$20 ADMISSION

**Plus over \$3,000 worth of
raffle prizes to be won!**

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