



Eastminster United Church
An East End United Congregation
August 5, 2018
**Indicates please stand in body or
in spirit*

*"Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage."
- Maya Angelou*

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Andrew Cassidy

*Opening Hymn: VU #584 Through the Heart of Every City

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: With this small flame we kindle hope in our hearts.

All: In this place we name that love is stronger than hate!

Opening Prayer

Holy God,

In times of challenge we give thanks that you are strong enough to hold our doubts, our anger and our struggles. Thank you for kindling a spark of hope in our despair and for calling upon us to live with open hearts. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Children's Time Love your neighbour, have a seat, make a friend

Jane Sanden

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

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture

1 Samuel 17: selected verses

Charles Brown

Sermon

Power, Strength and Safety

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

Safe in Your Hands, O God, Who Made Me

Andrew Hodwitz

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn: VU #701 What Does the Lord Require

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

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (sung VU #959)

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

Toronto Southeast Presbytery: St. Matthew's United Church

East End Prayer Cycle: Property Manager and Custodians

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn: VU# 641 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Commissioning and Benediction

*Sung Blessing MV #209 Go, Make a Difference

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.

East End News/Announcements

* Rev. Sarah will be on vacation August 6-September 3. During this time Michiko will be leading worship and available for pastoral care.

* **Living into Right Relations
Classroom Book Fund**

Ontario's newly elected government has dismissed a plan to revise the province's social studies and history curriculums to add Indigenous content. East End United is responding with The Living into Right Relation Classroom Book Fund initiative inspired by the response of Indigenous authors Cherie Dimaline, Monique Gray Smith, Tracey Lindberg who are donating their own books to Ontario classrooms.

We are seeking donations this summer to fund one set of classroom books by an indigenous author for use by any Ontario teacher.

This challenge not only responds to the government's choices but reaffirms our commitment to the United Church's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Envelopes marked Living into Right Relation Classroom Fund are available in the narthex and can be placed in the offering plate. Cheques can be made payable to Eastminster United Church with memo line LRRC Book Fund.

An online donation option will also be available soon.

We are all Treaty People.

**There is an online petition you can check out on MPP Peter Tabuns' website,
https://www.petertabuns.ca/support_or_trc_based**

* **Free Books in the Eastminster Library**

In the fall, we will be repurposing the Eastminster Library and expanding the main office. Beginning this Sunday, the library will be open to anyone who would like to come and take a piece of our book collection home.

* **Volunteers are needed to welcome, read Scripture, offer prayers of the people, and provide refreshments.** Summer is here, and that might mean vacations (or even staycations!) for many of our congregants! It also means we need more volunteers to sign up for providing refreshments, reading scripture, and welcoming us all Sunday mornings. Please sign up for any of these leadership roles in the Narthex. We'd love to have your voice in our service!

* **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.

* **Glen Rhodes Outreach Ministry**

Drop-in Food Bank

Wednesdays 9:00-11:30am & 2:00-4:00pm
Glen Rhodes United Church

Community Dinners

August 27 5:00-7:00pm
Glen Rhodes United Church

Community Events

* **Hiroshima Nagasaki Day Commemorations**
August 6 6:30pm
Toronto City Hall Peace Garden

The Toronto Area Interfaith Council is co-sponsoring a Hiroshima Nagasaki commemoration ceremony with speakers Dr. Ira Helfand (co-President, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War,) and Nobel Prize winner Setsuko Thurlow. Performers include Grammy-Nominated Flautist Ron Korb, Kiyoshi Nagata Drum Group, Pax Christi Chorale, and the Raging Grannies.

The ceremony will take place at 6:30 on August 6 at the Toronto City Hall Peace Garden, followed by a lantern ceremony at the City Hall Reflecting Pool.

* **QIGONG & GUIDED MEDITATION WORKSHOPS**
For those suffering in the aftermath of the Danforth tragedy
Thursday August 9, 16 & 23 7:00-8:00pm
Eastminster United Church

Join Expressive Arts & Wellness Counsellor, Olivia Statler, in a Qigong and guided meditation for those feeling grief and anxiety following the tragedy on the Danforth. These workshops focus on healing the mind, body, and spirit, and will help participants work with difficult emotions bringing more balance and light into their lives.

Admission is free and no registration is required. Workshops are accessible to all, including those with disabilities. Please be on time and wear comfortable clothing.

For more information about Olivia and her practice, visit her website www.plumblossommindfularts.com

* **Love Your Neighbour - Take a Seat, Make a Friend**
An East End United Project at Taste of the Danforth
August 10-12
Outside Eastminster United Church

Conversation Pools

Inspired by the work of Soul Pancake, we introduce "Love Your Neighbour: Have a Seat, Make a Friend". This project will consist of chairs surrounding pools of cool water outside of Eastminster. These pools will have conversation questions floating in them. Attendees of Taste of the Danforth are invited to take rest by putting their feet in the pools, choosing a floating conversation prompt, and chatting with a neighbour. We are looking for volunteers from all three East End campuses to facilitate conversation in the pools. Shifts will last 2 hrs. You can sign up at the back of the church or online (link in eblast). Look forward to a sneak preview of our conversation pool this Sunday at Eastminster!

* **Come and See Palestine and Isreal**
October 31- November 10, 2018

Join Rev. Marianna Harris and George Bartlett on a pilgrimage to see for yourself what is happening in Palestine and Israel. Learn about the effects of the occupation on the lives of ordinary people. Discover how Jewish Israeli and Palestinian activists are seeking to create change. Visit key holy places as we reflect on Jesus' life and teachings. Cost \$2800 plus airfare. Contact George Bartlett at g.bartlett@sympatico.ca for further information.

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