

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.

We Share in Word and Song

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 150

Jeff Schissler

Sermon

God is Still Speaking

Michiko Bown-Kai

Anthem

For The Love of it All
By Peter, Paul and Mary

Jeff Schissler

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn: Laudate Omnes Gentes / Sing Praises, All You People

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a bass clef, with a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to our". The second system continues the melody and accompaniment, with lyrics: "num. Lau - da - te om - nes gen - tes, lau - da - te Do - mi - num! God. Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to our God!". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People

Andrew Cassidy

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Liberia, Sierra Leone
Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Eastminster United Church
East End Prayer Cycle: Ministry and Administrative staff

The Lord's Prayer

Liturgical Dance

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn: VU #245 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

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

* **What Happened at Taste of the Danforth- Love your Neighbour by Taking a Seat and Making a Friend**

Last weekend at Taste of the Danforth, we placed 3 small pools filled with cool water, surrounded by chairs, on the sidewalk in front of Eastminster. In the pools floated bath toys with questions written on them like, "Who do you admire the most?" "What does soul mean to you?" and "Describe your first time falling in love." Attendees of Taste of the Danforth were invited to sit down, put their feet in the water, and have meaningful conversations with another person- often a stranger. Around 250 people of all ages, all abilities, from all over the world sat down and opened their hearts to others who they may not normally have the opportunity to get to know. In the wake of the Danforth shooting and the divisive rhetoric that followed, it was important that we lived out Jesus' message to love your neighbour as yourself, creating a space where we could get to know our neighbours. By discovering the commonalities that we share, and approaching our differences from love and openness instead of hate and fear, we discover we are not alone.

Twelve volunteers and four staff members from East End United helped to facilitate these heart-opening conversations. There were seven people who signed up for the mailing list and expressed interest in being part of East End United. One participant from the pools came to church on Sunday. We made wonderful connections with members of other faith groups and challenged countless people's perception that LGBTQ community is not part of the church.

In addition to the conversations pools, we also partnered with Funding Innovation to auction off art. The proceeds will go to support East End United Justice Ministries including Affirm, Refugee Sponsorship, the Glen Rhodes Food Program, and Out of the Cold.

A very special thanks to all of our East End United and community volunteers and especially our organizers Janet McGinty and Jane Sanden for their vision and detailed execution.

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

- * **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.

- * **Pathways Exhibit
Toronto Reference Library- 789 Yonge Street
August 18 -October 28**

Land and water routes across what is now Ontario reveal layers of Indigenous knowledge, resistance and presence that connect from time immemorial to the present and future. This exhibit features works by contemporary Indigenous artists as well as historical materials from the collections of the Toronto Public Library and Library and Archives Canada.

* **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.

* **'Braving the Wilderness'
Fall Worship Series at East End United
Beginning September 9, 2018!**

As we continue to live into the new vision of East End United, we will be using the book *Braving the Wilderness* by Brene Brown to guide our worship this fall. As staff, we are creating a resource that will connect Brown's work which offers wisdom on the spiritual journey of belonging with scripture. This resource will help guide worship each week as we explore the book chapter by chapter. We encourage you to add Brene's *Work to your summer reading list* or consider reading along with us in the Fall.

* **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

* **CANCELLED: QIGONG & GUIDED MEDITATION WORKSHOPS**

Due to low participation, Thursday night Qigong has been cancelled. Thanks again to Olivia for a beautiful and generous offering.

* **LIBERTY HEALTH FAIR**
Cosburn United Church
August 19 10:00am-3:00pm

Join the Liberty Seventh-Day Adventist Church for free fun, fellowship, and food for the entire family.

- Learn to sew and have a haircut
- Indulge in delicious food and share your recipes!
- Become more aware of God's creation
- Engage in face painting, sewing, and hair braiding
- Relieve yourself from stress with a free massage
- Try your hand at baking bread and making cookies
- Yield and say yes to a more meaningful life

* **COME AND SEE PALESTINE AND ISRAEL**
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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