



Eastminster United Church  
*An East End United Congregation*  
August 26, 2018  
*\*Indicates please stand in body or  
in spirit*

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a Nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the conduct of their character.  
- Martin Luther King Jr.

**We Gather as God's People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Chris Gilmour

\*Opening Hymn: MV 79 Spirit, Open My Heart

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

One: Spirit, may you open our hearts as we gather for worship this morning.

**All: In this community, we share the joy and pain of living as siblings in Christ.**

One: We are here today to learn to love ourselves and others just you have shown us.

**All: In this community, we gather and invite you, Holy Spirit, to be present with us in this time and place.**

\*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.*

## **We Share in Word and Song**

Hebrew Scripture	Amos 5: 18-24 Isaiah 40	Norman Tanaka
Sermon	The Mighty Stream	Michiko Bown-Kai
Anthem	Keep on Moving Forward	Pat Humphries

Gonna keep on moving forward  
Keep on moving forward  
Keep on moving forward  
Never turning back  
Never turning back

Gonna keep on moving proudly  
Gonna keep on singing loudly  
Gonna keep on loving boldly  
Gonna reach across our borders  
Gonna end the occupations  
Gonna stop these wars together  
Gonna keep on moving forward

## **We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Offering Hymn: MV 154 Deep In Our Hearts

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

\*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People Sung Response: MV 96 And When You Call For Me

Sung response x 2

Recommitting to Justice, Equity, and Peace Alydia Smith

God of peace,  
give us the courage, strength and perseverance needed,  
to challenge the systems of racism,  
so that we can clear a path for your justice, peace, and equity.

We believe racism is present  
in our society and in our church,

and throughout time has manifested itself in many forms and in varying degrees.

We know racism is alive  
in our language and in our structures,  
and through our systems it actively works to deconstruct your glorious design,  
blocking the path to justice, equity, and peace that Jesus brings.

Racism exists, and it challenges the gospel message that we cry.

We cry abundant life for all,  
knowing that we are slowly being suffocated by the pervasive evil of racism:  
    some of us are choking;  
    some of us cannot breathe;  
    some of us are dead.

We cry peace,  
knowing that we are the instruments of God's peace  
and that such peace cannot exist without justice, equity, compassion, and God's grace.

We cry Emmanuel, God with us,  
knowing that to God, every life matters—God is with all people—  
even though as a community and as a society  
we have stated through our actions that some lives matter more than others.

Compassionate One,  
Help us to understand how racism finds life in our hearts and in our cries.  
In this time of tense anticipation,  
may we commit ourselves to be people of your way  
    crying and creating a path for justice, equity, and peace  
    for all people in this wilderness of hatred and racism.

Amen.

Sung response x 2

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:	Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal
Toronto Southeast Presbytery:	Eglinton St. George's United Church
East End Prayer Cycle:	Ministry and Personnel Committee

Sung response x 2

The Lord's Prayer (VU #959)

## **We Go Out to Be the People of God**

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn: MV 65 When We Are Tested

Commissioning and Benediction

\*Sung Blessing MV #221 I Am Walking a Path of Peace

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 Fall Worship Service Schedule

Date	Eastminster	Glen Rhodes
September 2	Joint service at Glen Rhodes with Michiko Bown-Kai	
September 9	Rev. Sarah Miller	Michiko Bown-Kai
September 16	Rev. Jane Brushey-Martin	Rev. Sarah Miller
September 23	Rev. Sarah Miller	Hilary Donaldson
September 30	Joint Service at Glen Rhodes with Rev. Sarah Miller and Michiko Bown Kai	
October 7	Rev. Sarah Miller	Michiko Bown-Kai
October	Rev. Sarah Miller	Closed for August

## 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.

\* **We Want You! To be Part of Something New and Exciting!**  
**Saturday September 8 9:30am- 12:30pm**  
**Cosburn United Church (Green Room) 1108 Greenwood Ave**

You're invited to join us for coffee, snacks, and conversation on September 8 as we unveil our new East End United plan and share ways you can be a part of our new community!

### **Town Hall**

We're ready for you to be part of something new and exciting! Many hands have been working hard over the past few years to build the connections that join our three congregations to create East End United. We are getting ready to officially share this work at a congregational meeting on September 30. But first, we're giving you a sneak peak of our new strategic direction and organizational structure and the 4 pillars that have shaped our vision throughout the East End Transition.

### **Making an Impact**

Feel like you might have a calling? Want to contribute your gifts to the community? Interested in making new friends? Whether you are good with numbers, are passionate about social justice, have an artistic flair, or love to organize, there is a place for you to make an impact in our church. This gathering is a an opportunity to offer ideas for new initiatives or join the work of one of our new committees.

Our meeting will culminate in a vote to establish leadership for our reimagined council committees.

\* **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.

\* **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

\* **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.

\* **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](mailto:g.bartlett@sympatico.ca) for further information.

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