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Eastminster United Church An East End United Congregation

September 9, 2018

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"You are only free when you realize you belong no place - you belong every place - no place at all. The price is high. The reward is great."

-Maya Angelou

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome
Wakefield

Susan

*Opening Hymn:

O God of Vision



1.O God of vi sion far great er than all hu man schem ing,
2.Pour out your Spir it on all now as sem bled be fore you.
3.Grant to us in sight, O God, for this time of de ci sion.
4.Break the sun's rays in to col our, a rain bow a round us.



Gath er us now in your pres ence, re fresh ing, re deem ing.
May our div er si ty here be a means to a dore you.
May we dream chal len ging dreams of both depth and pre cis ion.
Storm clouds, though real and near, are not e nough to con found us.



Show us a new_ life in your breath tak ing view,_____ love ly be
Wo men and men, young, old, and youth ful a gain,_____ make us as
Speak through the dark, dis pel by light ning's bright spark_____ what ev er
Arched in the sky, beau ty and prom ise are high,_____ giv ing us



yond all our dream ing._____
one, we im plore_____ you._____
clouds dim our vi sion._____
hope to as tound_____ us._____

Anthem

Building Block

Noel Paul Stookey
arr. Andrew

Donaldson

*The building block that was rejected
Became the cornerstone of a whole new
world*

*When I am down, when I'm dejected
When I have a burden that does not show
I think what time has resurrected
And how the sun can make the water flow*

*There is a man who has collected
all the sorrow in our eyes
He gives us love as God directed
though he is seldom recognized*

*When all your dreams are resurrected,
And your vision has been returned
Remember, love, you are protected
By the truth your heart has learned.*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn:

VU #23 Joy Shall Come

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 (VU #959)

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Ghana, Nigeria

Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Toronto Chinese United Church

East End Prayer Cycle: Stewardship and Finance Committee

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn:

MV #1 Let Us Build a House v. 1, 2, 4, 5

Commissioning and Benediction

*Sung Blessing

Halleluya

Abraham Maraire,
Arr. Patrick

Matsikenyiri

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. Infants and children up to 4 are welcome in the nursery, and children 4 years and older are welcome to participate in church school in the auditorium.

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. Sarah Miller	Rev. Jane Brushey-Martin
September 23	Hilary Donaldson	Rev. Sarah Miller
September 30	Joint Service at Glen Rhodes with Rev. Sarah Miller and Michiko Bown Kai	
October 7	Rev. Sarah Miller	Michiko Bown-Kai
October 14	Rev. Sarah Miller	Michiko Bown-Kai

East End Announcements

*** We Want You! To be Part of Something New and Exciting!**

We're almost there! The final steps to East End United...

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. Please take note of these important events in September.

Town Hall sessions

September 16 & 23 at Glen Rhodes and Eastminster following the worship service

September 19th at Eastminster at 7:00pm

Learn about the new Constitution for East End United that will be presented for the congregation's approval on September 30th. Q&A sessions will be held:

Congregational meeting

September 30th at Glen Rhodes after a Joint Worship Service

The Congregation will vote on the East End United Constitution and the slate of Council and committee representation.

*** Congratulations to the Glen Rhodes Food Bank! They have been nominated for Daily Bread Food Bank's Community Corner Stone Best in Class Award!**

Glen Rhodes Outreach Ministry

Drop-in Food Bank

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

Glen Rhodes United Church

Community Dinners

Glen Rhodes United Church

The next dinner is Sept. 24, 5-6pm

*** 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 LRRRC Book Fund.

An online donation option will also be available soon.

We are all Treaty People.

* **'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 have created 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. Devotional Books are available today at the back of the church.

* **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

* **READS Book Club**

Friday September 28 Book Chat 7:00pm, Social 9:00pm
Book this month: Red Sparrow by Jason Matthews

Our sixth year of Book Club starts with a brilliant spy fiction thriller strongly recommended by Jennifer Murray! A great and dangerous spy-game is being played today between Russian intelligence and the CIA. Very few people know about it, but the author, Jason Matthews does; he is a veteran CIA officer and writes what he knows. His Red Sparrow takes us deep inside this treacherous spy world and present-day Russia, ruled by a blue-eyed, unblinking President Vladimir Putin; and involves Finland, Greece, Italy, and the United States. He's an insider's insider and a masterful storyteller in the tradition of John LeCarre (this is the first of a trilogy). This is a need-to-read book considering current political events that are impacting our world. Buy your copy at bookstores everywhere or borrow from the library in book, e-book and e-audiobook format.

Enjoy a lively discussion by the fire, followed by the 9:00pm Social Wine and Cheese. Held at the home of Neil Riach and Carolyn Curren a block from the Chester Subway. For address, queries email Carolyn at: neilcarolyn@idirect.com or call 416-465-6174 or John Brown at 416-463-0844.

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 for further information.

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