



Eastminster United Church  
*An East End United Congregation*

September 16, 2018

*\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

*"You have to develop ways so that you can take up for yourself, and then you take up for someone else. And so sooner or later, you have enough courage to really stand up for the human race and say, 'I'm a representative.'"*  
*Maya Angelou*

**We Gather as God's People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Dale Hildebrand

\*Opening Hymn:

Alone

Jessie Anne Lee, 2015

Refrain:

**Alone, alone, I feel so alone.  
O God, forsake me not, your child!**

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: With this small flame we begin a journey together.

**All: Light our way into the wilderness!**

Opening Prayer

*adapted from Richard S. Gilbert*

**We meet on holy ground,  
Brought into being as life encounters life,  
As personal histories merge into the communal story,  
As we take on the pride and pain of our companions,  
As separate selves become community.  
We give thanks for a space to share in the big questions  
And mundane moments of life. 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.*

*The children are invited to Church School in the **Auditorium***

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

Scripture	John 9:1-17	Shirley Carmichael
Sermon	Belonging, Fitting in, Taking Part	Rev. Sarah Miller
Anthem	Teach Me to Be Love	Ana Hernandez

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

Offering Hymn: MV #118 Me Alone

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

\*Dedication Prayer

We Celebrate Holy Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift our hearts in prayer.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

Sung Responses: Kingsfold Communion MV# 203, 204, 205

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay

Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Dentonia Park United Church

East End Prayer Cycle: Worship Committee

*All are invited to come forward to receive Communion by dipping the bread in the cup.*

Communion Hymns: MV#202 Bread for the Journey  
MV#193 God Bless to Us Our Bread

Prayer Following Communion

**Holy God, we are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Amen.**

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn: O Day of Peace Words: Carl P. Daw Jr.  
Music: Stuart Townend

Choir:

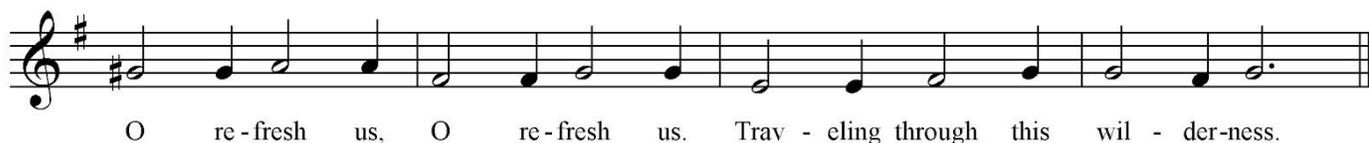
1. O day of peace that dimly shines  
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
guide us to justice, truth, and love,  
delivered from our selfish schemes.  
May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
our hearts from envy find release,  
till by God's grace our warring world  
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

**2. (hum)**

**3. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,  
nor shall the fierce devour the small;  
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,  
a little child shall lead them all.  
Then enemies shall learn to love,  
all creatures find their true accord;  
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,  
for all the earth shall know the Lord.**

## Commissioning and Benediction

\*Sung Blessing      God, Dismiss Us With your Blessing      John Fawcett, 1786, alt.



Postlude

Cameron Thomson

## 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.

**It is with great sadness we inform you Neil Powers, one of our custodians, has passed away. There will be a memorial for him here at Eastminster on Sunday, September 30th at 2PM**

# East End Fall Worship Service Schedule

Date	Eastminster	Glen Rhodes
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 20th at Eastminster in the Parlour**

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.

**We'd like to officially announce the following intent:**

To remove the following four trustees as members of the Board of Trustees on recommendation by the Board of Trustees recognized at a meeting of the Board of Trustees July 25, 2018 - BYERS, Doris; CAREY, Eugene; CHAN, Victor; STAFFORD, Charles. All said trustees have submitted a notice of resignation or otherwise identified their intention to not continue and have been duly notified of the intent to remove their names as members of the Board of Trustees at a congregational meeting to be held September 30, 2018.

\* **Volunteers are needed to welcome, read Scripture, offer prayers of the people, and provide refreshments.** Please sign up for any layleadership roles in the Narthex. We'd love to have your voice in our service!

\* **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:**

##### **Community Dinners**

Glen Rhodes United Church

The next dinner is **Monday, September 24, 5-6PM**

##### **Drop-in Food Bank**

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

Glen Rhodes United 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](mailto:neilcarolyn@idirect.com) or call 416-465-6174 or John Brown at 416-463-0844.

- \* **FARM VISIT with Grow Hope Danforth**  
**September 30 4:00pm**  
**13582 Ninth Line, Stouffville ON**

East End United, in partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and other Danforth churches, is fighting World Famine through a "Growing Project" sponsorship with a local farmer in Stouffville. The fundraising target is \$5,000 to cover all the costs, including seeds, fertilizer, other inputs, land rental and support services, of 10 acres of this year's corn crop. East End United churches have agreed to sponsor 10 acres at \$500 each, and that the hope is that 10 more acres could be sponsored by the other churches this year, with an overall goal of 20 acres. The crop will be sold, proceeds given to Canadian Foodgrains Bank and put to work in food assistance and food security projects, multiplied up to 4 times with government funds in the process, in countries like Sudan, Ethiopia, Syria, Haiti, and others, where access to sustainable food sources is a constant challenge for millions of families.

A visit to our Grow Hope Danforth farm is planned for Sunday September 30 at 4:00pm, after the congregational meeting. The field visit will allow to see the crop and meet the farmer and the animator from Canadian Foodgrains Bank. We'd love you to join us! Carpooling option will be available in the coming weeks. We are still accepting donations to the project. We appreciate any donation and \$125 would pay for a quarter-acre.

- \* **ART SHOW FUNDRAISER**  
**Benefiting East End Refugee Sponsorship**  
**Saturday October 20 1:00-9:00pm & Sunday October 21 10:00am-6:00pm**  
**Cosburn United Church 1108 Greenwood Ave**

## 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.

- \* **OLD FRIENDS- A Musical Revue**  
**Presented by Capricorn 9 and CATS**  
**September 21 & 22 8:00pm**  
**Cosburn Arts Centre, 1108 Greenwood Ave**

This is a musical revue by and about old friends. This group of talented people have known and worked with each other, in some way or another, quite a lot over the years and now they are finally all coming together to entertain you!

Tickets are available by calling (416) 421-5711. \$15 adults, \$10 students/seniors

\* **Harvest Festival**

**September 23 12:00-3:00 pm**

**East York Community Centre- 1081 1/2 Pape Ave, East York**

5th Annual Harvest Festival at the East York Community Centre in support of Bethany Baptist Church food bank.

This year there will be a free outdoor BBQ with live music and children's activities, including a pop-up Outdoor Adventure Playground and a Good Food Market.

\* **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.

## Weekly Events

**Mondays 1:00pm**

**Prayer Shawl Knitters**

**Meet in Sarah's Office**

**Thursdays 7:30 - 9.30pm**

**Adult Choir**

**Meets in the Sanctuary**

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