



Eastminster United Church
An East End United Congregation

October 14, 2018

**Indicates please stand in body or in
spirit*

"Staying vulnerable is a risk we have to take if we want to experience connection."

-Brene Brown

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn: MV154 Deep in Our Hearts

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: With this small flame we continue our journey together.

All: Light our way into the wilderness!

*Opening Prayer

adapted from Bill Steadman

You touch our lives in many ways God; you raise us up when we feel discouraged, you ground us when we are flighty or on edge. Be with us in this time of worship, and give us the direction we need to face the future with hope and energy. 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 Sacrament of Baptism

Introduction

Parents' Promise and Commitment

*Congregational Promise and Commitment

Let us pledge our support and care to those who we have welcomed today.

In community together we are transformed by each newcomer. We rejoice in the gifts you bring to this congregation. We pledge to you our love and our support. With God's help, we will together live out and celebrate the life and ministry of being the church.

*Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God:
who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church;
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Blessing of the Water and the Act of Baptism

Baptismal Blessing VU# 452 You Have Put on Christ

The children are invited to Church School in the Auditorium

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture Isaiah 35:4-7a Charles Brown
Mark 7:24-30

One: The Word of Hope
All: **Thanks be to God!**

Meditation Hold Hands. With Strangers. Sarah Miller

Anthem Human Thing The Be Good Tanyas

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn: MV 169 When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

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) Mary Miller

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Fred Victor Centre
East End Prayer Cycle: Choirs and Musicians

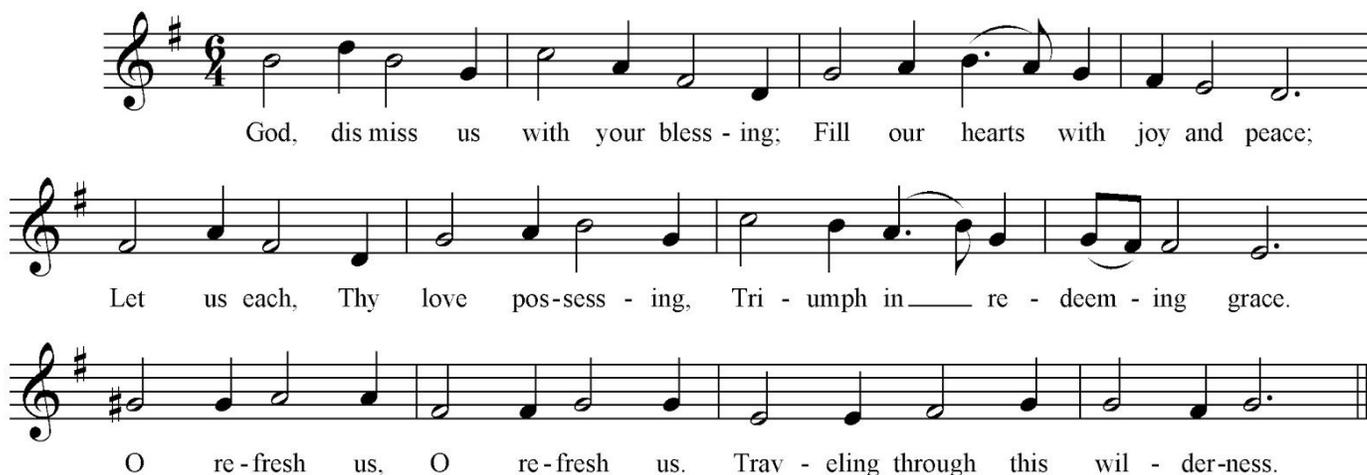
We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn: MV138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines

Commissioning and Benediction

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



God, dis miss us with your bless - ing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, Thy love pos-sess - ing, Tri - umph in — re - deem - ing grace.

O re - fresh us, O re - fresh us. Trav - eling through this wil - der-ness.

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.

Today we welcome through baptism Marilla Joan Martin, daughter of Kendra and Jared, sister to Jonas. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please contact the church office.

East End Fall Worship Service Schedule

Date	Eastminster	Glen Rhodes
October 21	Michiko Bown-Kai	Rev. Sarah Miller
Oct 28	Rev. Sarah Miller	Service - Rev. Warren Schell Walk of Dreams - Michiko Bown-Kai
Nov 4	Hilary Donaldson	Michiko Bown-Kai
Nov 11	Michiko Bown-Kai	Rev. Sarah Miller
Nov 18	Rev. Sarah Miller	Hilary Donaldson
Nov 25	Rev. Sarah Miller and Michiko Bown-Kai	

East End Announcements

* **FAREWELL JOSH!**

Our beloved Sunday custodian, Josh Somers, is leaving to pursue other opportunities. His last Sunday with us will be October 28. We wish Josh all the best and will miss him. In his absence, we are looking for someone fabulous to fill his shoes. If you know of someone with the skills we need: great with people, able to set up and clean up after worship, meetings and other events, please contact the Eastminster office at eastminster@eastendunited.ca

* **Out of the Cold is Beginning Soon!**

Help Needed for Out of the Cold Dinner Prep

Out of the Cold is beginning November 2 and we are putting together a team for afternoon dinner prep for the first and third Fridays of every month.

We'd like volunteers:

*2:30pm for set up and continue 3:00–5:00pm for chopping, slicing, dicing etc.

*5:00-6:00pm to greet guests and serve snacks.

If you are available, contact Mary Miller 416-694-6301 or maryandharrymiller@gmail.com

If Friday afternoon doesn't work and you wish to volunteer for other shifts, you can do that on the website www.eastminsteruc.org/out-of-the-cold/ootc-how-to-volunteer/ Chris Bennett of the Eastminster breakfast team can be reached at balticben@gmail.com but advises that his team is quite full.

* **Linklater Voice Technique Class**

Wednesdays October 10- December 19 10:30am-12:30pm

Eastminster Parlour

This class is an amazing opportunity to participate in professional quality training that develops artistry and encourages participants to share their voices personally, politically, and artistically. This class is designed to free, develop, and strengthen the voice so that it can reveal and express the wide range of emotion and the subtle nuances of thought needed for effective communication...and although it's not a singing class, it does strengthen the singing voice.

Interested participants are asked to email Lauren at LaurenMaykut@gmail.com for more information and to register. Class size is limited to 10. Lauren will be teaching in collaboration with her mentor, Christine Berg (Voice Coach, Theatre@Eastminster)

* **Membership Committee Meeting**

Tuesday October 23 6:30pm

Eastminster United Church- Jackman Room

All are welcome to join us for our first meeting ever of the East End Membership Committee.

This gathering will be more like a workshop, where as a team we will discover our strengths, our focus, our core committee and nominate a Chair.

Please RSVP to Pam Cameron, our Council Chair cameron.pam@gmail.com

* **East End United Council Meeting**

Wednesday 24 October 6:00pm

Glen Rhodes Campus- Narthex

Join us for our first ever East End United Council meeting. This meeting will be conducted more like a workshop than a traditional meeting.

* **Glen Rhodes Outreach Ministry**

Drop-in Food Bank

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

Glen Rhodes United Church

Community Dinners

October 22, 5:00-6:00pm

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

- * **Pastoral Care Team Meeting**
Today 12:00-1:15pm
Glen Rhodes United Church

Our monthly meeting will be held today at Glen Rhodes Campus, 12:00 - 1:15 PM. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

We invite all PCT members, and anyone interested in learning what it means to be an empathic caregiver within our church community and beyond. Come along and see what we are about. We are an energetic and caring group.

We will focus this meeting on two items of business:

1. The new PCT Visioning document. Rev Jane will bring along four or five copies for those who don't have ready access to a printer
2. The organizing for our four part series of professionally led pastoral care training workshops

If you need a ride, please see either Mary Miller or Rev Jane before or after worship at Eastminster.

- * **Exploring Our Faith: A DVD Session of insights with Eckhart Tolle**
Tuesday October 16 7:00-9:00pm
Eastminster United Church- Minister's Office

Engage in conversation and insights about Eckhart Tolle's DVD series: Finding Your Life's Purpose.

This Series gives straightforward advice on:

1. A new state of consciousness
2. Fulfilling your life's purpose
3. Shifting from thoughts to awareness
4. The power of stillness
5. Transformation of the world.

- * **Braving The Wilderness Book Study**
Today 12:30pm
Eastminster United Church

Join us to share your thoughts on Brene Brown's book as well as your personal reflections on the devotional.

- * **All Ages Church Night**
Theme: Braving the Wilderness
October 17 6:30-8:30pm
Eastminster United Church- Hurndale Room

Join us for a potluck and crafts and activities that will help us build our own wilderness survival kits!

- * **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

Help celebrate East End United's Refugee success stories, view and purchase local artists' work, and enjoy complimentary wine and cheese refreshments.

- * **Danforth Multifaith Community Walk**
Sunday October 21 2:30-4:30pm

To mark "World Food Day" and "The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty" please join The Danforth Multifaith Community on Sunday, October 21st from 2:30 to 4:30 as we walk from the Madinah Masjid at 1015 Danforth Ave. (after listening to spiritual leaders from different faiths speak about hunger and poverty) to Eastminster where we will share bread and water and time together.

Volunteers to help with packing the "Chew on This" information bags or distributing them along the Danforth at various stations would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Enrico de Dominicis at 1-905-616-2038 or Sue McNay at 416-691-6680 if you have any questions about this event.

- * **READS Book Club**
Friday October 26 Book Chat 7:00pm, Social 9:00pm
Book this month: The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris

The new international best-seller that soared to the top of New York Times Best-Seller list within 3 days of the USA release date. This memoir is both a love story and the extraordinary tale of bravery, compassion, and the endurance of humanity within the dark miasma of war. Lale Sokolov (imprisoned Slovakian Jew) recounts his experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of countless of thousands of prisoners from 1942 to 1945 with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust. Carolyn has copies of the book for \$12.00 /contact her as below. Retail in stores up to \$ 25.00. About \$15 online at Indigo.

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.

- * **Glen Rhodes Walk of Dreams**
Sunday October 28- Gather at 10:00am, walk starts at 10:30am

Glen Rhodes United Church

* Walk of Dreams is an annual family event to raise awareness and money for Glen Rhodes and East End United programs that improve the quality of life for people in our community

* As a participant in the Walk of Dreams, enjoy a 1km or 5km walk or run through the Gerrard/Coxwell neighbourhood

* You'll be invited to participate in celebration and ceremony at the beginning and end of the walkathon

* This event is suitable for all ages and abilities.

* Registration and pledge forms and walk routes are available from Glen Rhodes or Eastminster. For more information call 416-465-3755 or email glenrhodesunited@bellnet.ca

* **Deepening Care Through Listening with Rev. Anne Simmonds**

The First in our Series of Pastoral Care Training Workshops

Sunday November 4 12:30-2:30pm

Glen Rhodes United Church

In a world of both outer and inner distractions, it can be harder than ever to practice listening to ourselves and others. To Strengthen the Community of Care within and beyond the congregation, this workshop will engage us in individual reflection, conversation and practices to deepen our listening skills.

Bio: Rev. Dr. Anne Simmonds, is adjunct faculty at Emmanuel College. She teaches courses on Prayer and Ministry with Dying and Grieving persons. She has extensive experience offering pastoral care workshops and working with the dying and bereaved both as Director of Chaplaincy at the former Wellesley Hospital and as a former nurse. In addition, she offers individual spiritual mentoring, retreats and workshops on a variety of themes.

Workshop is free of charge and all are welcome!

Community Events

* **Autumn Uber-Swap**

An East-End Women's Used Clothing Exchange

October 20 11:00am-2:00pm

Eastminster United Church

Uber-SWAP is a lightly curated (used & vintage) Women's Clothing Exchange in the East-End that's easy on your wallet & on the planet. Anyone who identifies as a woman is welcome.

If you're passionate about thrifting, vintage-hunting & or sustainability, you should come! This time, ticket sales will benefit the Toronto Distress Centre's Suicide Survivor Support Program & appropriate leftover items will be donated to Eastminster's Out of the Cold shelter as well as Yonge St. Mission & other East-End hubs serving women, teens & newcomers.

Tickets are \$10 in advance or day-of (cash only, please!).

- * **Singing for our Lives- A Broken Hallelujah of Defiance, Anger and Hope**
Sunday November 4 3:00pm
Church of the Holy Trinity- 19 Trinity Square (Behind the Eaton Centre)
 In a time when leaders lie, divide-and-conquer, and peace and truth are under attack, singing together can be an act of resistance. This is a participatory, inter-faith event including poetry, songs and psalms of defiance, anger, resilience, and hope led by Wendy Donaldson and Dr. Andrew Donaldson.

- * **Toronto East Rotary Club's 9TH Annual Arts and Crafts Sale**
November 17 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Eastminster United Church
 This year, enjoy the work of 45+ diverse artisans selling their creations. Baked goodies and delicious chilli will be available, together with live music, face painting and draws. Proceeds raised go to the Out of the Cold program at Eastminster and other community projects. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

 More info on their website: www.torontoeastroty.com or by emailing Karen: amunn@pathcom.com

- * **Sister Of Water and the Sultan**
Exploring our Spiritual Lives with Francis of Assisi
Wednesdays October 17- December 5 7:00-8:45pm
The Mustard Seed- 791 Queens St. E
 A series of 8 sessions: Francis, Clare, Power, Fear & Anger, Love of Earth, Love of Enemy, The Sultan, Perfect Joy. For more information and contact info, view their poster [HERE](#).

Weekly Events		
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Mondays 1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters	Meet in Sarah's Office
Thursdays 7:30 - 9.30pm	Choir	Meet in the Sanctuary

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