



Eastminster United Church  
*An East End United Congregation*  
October 28, 2018  
*\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

*"I read in a book that a man called Christ went about doing good. It is very disconcerting to me that I am so easily satisfied with just going about."*

*- Toyohiko Kagawa*

**We Gather as God's People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome  
Wakefield

Susan

\*Opening Hymn: MV #28 God of the Bible

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle as a sign of hope.

**All: With this flame we open our hearts let God work through us.**

Opening Prayer

*adapted from Libbie D Stoddard*

**We gather in this room of hope  
where our hearts and minds are opened to the future.  
We gather in this room of justice  
where we set aside our fear to name freely every oppression.  
We gather in this room of song  
where we unite our voices  
in the sombre and the beautiful melodies 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

Mark 10:46-52

Beverly Falk

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Sermon

Lectio Divina

Rev. Sarah Miller

Solo

Think About These Things  
By Andrew Donaldson

Sarah Hallikas

*Whatever is true, or worthy of honour,  
think about these things.  
Whatever is just, whatever is pure,  
Think about these things.  
Whatever is lovely, whatever is graceful,  
if there is any excellence,  
or anything worthy of praise,  
think about these things.*

*What you have learned and received,  
and heard and seen in God's servants,  
do, and the God of peace will be with  
you.*

## We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn:           VU #271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*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:       Canada, United States of America  
Toronto Southeast Presbytery:   Kimbourne Park United Church

East End Prayer Cycle:                      Offering Counters

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

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn:                                  VU #567 Will You Come and Follow Me

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Blessing:                                  The Lord Bless you and Keep You                                  John Rutter

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
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. Jane Brushey-Martin, Rev. Sarah Miller and Michiko	No service, joint service at Eastminster campus

## East End Announcements/Events

### \* **Pastoral Care Training Workshops**

We're happy to announce that the Pastoral Care Team has organized a series of professionally led workshops by some of the United Church's best presenters on each of the following four topics. All workshops are open to everyone and we hope many of you will take advantage of these opportunities to perhaps reinforce your innate pastoral capacities or energize these capacities which each of us carry inside us.

All workshops will be free of charge and open to all. There is no reading or preparation necessary. All workshops are structured in an adult learning, conversational model.

Everyone interested in joining us and learning about any one of or all of the above topics, will be warmly welcomed.

Please mark these in your calendar. More details to follow in the weeks to come.

**"Deepening Care Through Listening"**, Rev Dr Anne Simmonds, **Sunday Nov 4, 12:30-2:30** at Glen Rhodes Campus

**"What is Pastoral Care"**, Rev Ralph Carl Wushke, **Sunday Jan 27, 2019, 12:30-2:30**, Glen Rhodes Campus

**"Coping with Loss"**, Rev Dr Deborah Hart, **Sunday March 3, 12:30-2:30**, Glen Rhodes Campus

**"Dying to Live: Preparing for Death in the Midst of Life"**, **Saturday, May 4, 10:00-2:30**, Eastminster Campus

### \* **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!

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

**Out of the Cold Books and Games**

During the Out of the Cold tea and coffee period and later in the evening, guests access magazines, books, and games that are kept on the "entertainment trolley". By the end of last season, the pickings were very slim!

We're looking for:

- \*assorted books (novels, non-fiction, coffee-table style, instructional, religious etc)
- \*magazines/periodicals (of all types, please remove your address from the front)
- \*games (playable, all pieces present)
- \*puzzles (all pieces present)
- \*activity books (sudoku, crosswords, word searches, coloring books etc)

Please drop off in the Eastminster Office.

**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/](http://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](mailto:balticben@gmail.com) but advises that his team is quite full.

\* **Eastminster Christmas Pageant  
Calling All Performers!**

Preparation for our annual Eastminster Christmas Pageant is upon us!

We are excited to welcome a new director, Brittany Cope who will also be working in the Eastminster Church School for the rest of 2018!

Pageant performances will be Sunday December 23 at 10:30am and Monday December 24 at 7:00pm. The first rehearsal/audition/workshop will be taking place at Eastminster after church on November 11. And most rehearsals will take place Sunday afternoons in November and December. Brittany is creating an original script just for us!

If you would like more information or to be part of the pageant, chat with Jane on Sunday after church or email her at [janesanden@eastendunited.ca](mailto:janesanden@eastendunited.ca).

\* **Congregational Day presented by Toronto Southeast Presbytery  
Saturday November 10 9:00am- 3:30pm  
Jubilee United- 40 Underhill Drive**

The United Church is CHANGING and we are learning new things, gathering inspiration from each other, daring to do new things, and try different approaches. Join us on the path - as we explore and become!

Who should attend?

-people looking for inspiration & new ideas

What can you expect?

-thoughtful inspired leadership from Sara Miles (author, former Director of Ministry at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco for ten years, and the founder and director of The Food Pantry)

-interesting workshops (music, branding, storytelling and the story of wampum belts)

-delicious lunch

-engaging conversations

\* **Refugee Sponsorship Group Seeking Donations**

A community group of six people is sponsoring an Iranian family of three that will be arriving in Canada later this year. They are looking for donations of kitchenware (dishes, cooking utensils, pots/pans), housewares (linens, pillows, etc.), furniture, winter clothing, and anything else that may be needed to stock a new home. All donations are welcome and appreciated. They are happy to arrange pick up. Please call or email Nick at [nkennedy@torys.com](mailto:nkennedy@torys.com) or 416-865-7309.

\* **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.

## Community Events

\* **Protest Against Steve Bannon**

**November 2 at 5pm**

**Roy Thompson Hall**

Steve Bannon, infamous Trump adviser and David Frum, infamous propagandist extraordinaire have been invited to Toronto for the Munk Debates. Why should you care? Because a world where a known Neo-Nazi and a war mongering right wing imperialist are invited to a debate where the frame is to hear 'both sides' is not the world we deserve. And it is not the world we are trying to build.

The Bannon-Frum Toronto Welcoming Committee invite all folks concerned with the rise of white nationalism and imperialist war to gather at the steps of Roy Thomson Hall to show their solidarity and outrage to those harmed by the hateful ideas, policies, and ongoing actions of BOTH Bannon and Frum.

- \* **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](http://www.torontoeastroty.com) or by emailing Karen: [amunn@pathcom.com](mailto: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.
  
- \* **LGBTQIA2S Community Day**  
**November 24 10:00am-3:00pm**  
**Richmond Hill United Church- 10201 Yonge St**  
  
Living Waters Presbytery will be hosting a LGBTQIA2S+ Community Day filled with, worship, community building, conversation and a potluck lunch. It is for both members of the LGBTQIA2S+ and the allies that support them. The guest speaker will be Kathleen Wynne, MPP for Don Valley West and former Premier of Ontario.

<h2>Weekly Events</h2>
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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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