



Eastminster United Church
An East End United Congregation

November 11, 2018

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now, love mercy now, walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it." The Talmud



We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: The Light of Christ,

All: Thanks be to God.

Pam Cameron

*Opening Hymn

VU #682 O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines

Act of Remembrance

One: We gather to remember,

All: Not so we dwell on the past

One: We remember,

All: So that we can create a peaceful future.

One: We gather to remember,

All: Not in order to glorify war.

One: We remember,

All: To acknowledge the cost of war and affirm our commitment to follow Jesus.

One: We gather to remember,

All: Not to wind our theology up with patriotic duty.

One: We remember,

All: To remind ourselves to train our hearts on the peaceful call of Christ.

One: We gather to remember,

All: In the arms of God whose love stretches across the depth, breadth and height of human memory.

One: Lest we forget.

Last Post

Fionn Ling

Moment of Silence

Reveille

Invitation to Worship with Art

Opening Prayer

adapted from Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu

From the time you fashioned the heavens and the earth from a formless void, O God, your creative energy has done marvelous works, all around us.

May your creative Spirit be at work in our hearts and minds today

as we worship you and as we strive to live in right relationship with you and all of Creation.

Amen.

The Peace Shared

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

Will you prize the gifts they brought?

Will the vision that they caught remain alive in you?

Will you claim the 'now' that's dawning in this time and place?

Will you give to all who come an unreserved embrace?

Will your plea for peace be clear?

Will you comfort every tear?

Will the calling that you hear remain alive in you?

Will you battle with injustice and create shalom?

Will you name the global village as your newfound home?

Will you live the life of prayer?

Will you witness everywhere?

Will the call to risk and share remain alive in you?

These are questions, Loving Lord, that shake us to the core.

Yet your goodness makes us bold to answer these and more.

Now inspire us, called and blessed,

all our worries to confess,

so that we can answer "YES," and be alive in you.

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*Benediction

Nunc dimittis

Taizé Community



Nunc di - mit - tis ser - vum tu - um Do - mi - ne, _____ se-
 Now O Ma - ker, let your ser - vant go in peace, _____ Ac-



cun - dum ver - bum tu - um in _____ pa - ce. _____
 cor - ding to your pro - mise, Ho - ly One. _____

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Visual Blessing

You are invited to take in the various art that has been made during today's service.

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.

Special thanks to Fionn Ling, trumpet, for sharing his gifts of music with us today.

East End Fall Worship Service Schedule

| Date | Eastminster | Glen Rhodes |
|--------|---|-------------------------------|
| Nov 18 | Rev. Sarah Miller | Hilary Donaldson |
| Nov 25 | Rev Jane Brushey-Martin, Rev. Sarah Miller and Michiko Bown-Kai | Joint Service at Eastminster |
| Dec 2 | Advent 1: Rev. Sarah Miller | Advent 1: Michiko Bown-Kai |
| Dec 9 | Advent 2: Michiko Bown-Kai | Advent 2: Rev. Sarah Miller |
| Dec 16 | Advent 3: Michiko Bown-Kai | Advent 3: Rev. Sarah Miller |
| Dec 23 | Advent 4: Pageant | Advent 4: Michiko Bown-Kai |
| Dec 30 | Christmas 1: Michiko Bown-Kai | Shared service at Eastminster |

East End Announcements/Events

* **TAIZE AT GLEN RHODES**

Weeknight prayer services in the manner of the Taizé Community have returned to Glen Rhodes campus! Join us for a contemplative time of scripture, song, and silence. The last Taizé service this term will be on December 4 at 7pm.

* **Living into Right Relations Classroom Book Fund**

Thank you so much to everyone who generously donated to the Living into Right Relations Classroom Book Fund organized by Cheryl Suttie this summer. We are now ready to distribute the funds to teachers in the GTA who would like to purchase a classroom set of books by an indigenous author for their students. If you know a teacher or teacher-librarian who might be interested, please pick up a copy of the official introductory letter in the narthex.

* **EASTMINSTER CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

Rehearsals for the Eastminster Christmas Pageant begin this Sunday after church.

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!

Meet our Director:

Brittany is a proud graduate of the University of Windsor's Bachelor of Fine Arts Acting Program and has trained with Stratford's Summer Program, the SITI Company and the International Michael Chekhov Association. She is a Canadian actor, director, playwright and arts educator. She is currently developing a program for schools in China, integrating the western style of acting into their education system. Brittany's one-woman show, Mission Magnet, which she wrote and directed has been produced multiple times across Ontario including at medical schools. Recent acting credits include: Rage Against: The Inferno with Theatre Artaud, Lysistrata with h.d.collective, Private Lives with Pure Carbon and The Diary of Anne Frank with Plain Stage Theatre. In her free time she enjoys watching movies, eating Indian food and planning her next trip.

If you would like more information or to be part of the pageant, show up this Sunday after church or email Brittany: brittanylcope@gmail.com.

* **EAST END POTLUCK**
Sunday November 25 -after church
Eastminster United Church- Hurndale Room

After our joint East End covenanting service on on November 25, we invite you a potluck lunch to celebrate our newly formed community and Eastminster's brand new kitchen!

The Membership Committee will prepare a pot of chili and have tea, coffee and juice available and you are invited to bring any of the following items for our lunch table:

*main dish

*side dish (rice, pasta, vegetables, etc.)

*salad

*rolls and butter/margarine

*dessert

Please mark your dish if it contains nuts, wheat, soy or other allergens.

Feel free to bring your contribution to the downstairs kitchen before the service, especially if it needs to be heated.

We look forward to seeing you on the 25th!

* **CANADA FOOD GRAINS**
Thursday November 29 6:30pm
Eastminster United Church

On November 29th, Jim Cornelius, the Executive Director of Canadian Foodgrains Bank will be in Toronto and will speak at Eastminster United Church on the topic of "Combating and Reducing Hunger for 35 years" as part of his Ontario fall information tour. He will certainly make reference to our Danforth Grow Hope project as an emerging new model of solidarity.

On September 30th, we had a great field visit and educational opportunity to meet the farmer who farms the sponsored acres, in link with a Mennonite church in Stouffville. Proceeds from the harvest will go to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and will be multiplied to provide support to farmers in developing countries and food assistance to people in crisis in the world.

Additional donations are needed to meet our \$5000 target. Any extra money we raise will go towards next year's crop. It costs \$500 to sponsor one acre (or \$125 to sponsor a quarter of an acre). If you would like to support this project financially, you can make a donation to Danforth Grow Hope in person through Eastminster United Church or online on Canada Helps, by choosing the Food Ministry Fund and specifying (Danforth Grow Hope) in the message.

* **READS Book Club**

Friday November 30 Book Chat 7:00pm, Social 9:00pm

Book this month: The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

This is simply one of the most original and compelling stories of this century! It reveals the power of literature to shape our lives and imaginations. First published in 2001, this Spanish author is one of the world's most read; his works translated into 40+ languages.

A sequel has just been published...but we will read his first book. Set in Barcelona following both WW2 and Spain's civil war/ Franco's reign of terror, people have started the process of healing and recovery. Daniel, an antiquarian book dealer's son, finds solace in a mysterious book by Julian Carax and wants to read more by the author. He visits the "Cemetery of Forgotten Books" only to find out someone is systematically destroying all of them and he has the only one left! So begins this dazzling labyrinth of mystery, danger and romance. Part historical fiction, part fantasy; it's a crime detective thriller in true gothic style.

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.

Not many copies left at the library but you can purchase online or Carolyn has copies for \$20.00. Retails in stores \$25.00.

* **A Baby Shower for Hilary and David!**

Sunday, Dec. 2 - After the service

Please join us as we happily anticipate the arrival of Hilary and David's baby! We will enjoy coffee and light snacks as we wish them well on their journey into parenthood!

* **Glen Rhodes Outreach Ministry**

A NOTE ABOUT THE GLEN RHODES FOOD BANK FROM DAILY BREAD'S NEWSLETTER

We would like to congratulate the small and mighty team at Glen Rhodes Food Bank, for being the recipients of the Community Cornerstone Award at this year's Best in Class, presented by Daily Bread. This award, recognizes a community food agency in Toronto that has made significant efforts to improve the lives of individuals accessing food programs.

Glen Rhodes Food Bank is supported by an affirming congregation at the Glen Rhodes United Church – part of the church's attempts to partner with neighbours in creating a world of caring and justice. Clarisse and her volunteer team were determined to be an inclusive and welcoming food bank in East Toronto. After nearly 30 years of service however, folks were tired and needed support. With the help of Ramiro Arteaga and the Agency Relations department at Daily Bread, Glen Rhodes was revitalized. They transitioned their food distribution system away from taking orders and packing hampers for

clients behind closed doors, to laying the food out, as in a grocery store, chatting with folks and offering them their choice of items. Paired with a terrific meal, a comfortable waiting space and friendly volunteers, Glen Rhodes now serves about 800 unique people every month with a focus on choice, efficiency and dignity.

Drop-in Food Bank

Wednesdays 9:00-11:30am & 2:00-4:00pm
Glen Rhodes United Church

Community Dinners

Next community dinner: November 26 5:00-6:00pm
Glen Rhodes United Church

* **CATS: Community Art Time Studio**

Please note that the CATS Thursday Drop-In programming has come to a close. We would like to extend a special thank you to Greta King for the many hours of work she has dedicated to this project.



Community Events

* **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

* **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 or 416-865-7309.

* **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.

Weekly Events

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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Soloists: Laura Larson - soprano, Sarah Hallikas – alto, Jeff Schissler - tenor, Andrew Hodwitz - bass

With sweetest music

RESIGNATION CMD

1 With sweet - est mu - sic, an - gels sing their bright, tran - scend - ent tones.
2 With grand - est mu - sic, na - ture shows its Mak - er's bound - less arts.
3 With hon - est mu - sic, we pro - claim the love that frees and heals.

Yet God de - sires the song we bring, born deep with - in our bones:
Yet God de - sires the song that grows in puls - ing hu - man hearts.
What words a - lone can scarce - ly name, a mel - o - dy re - veals.

in soar - ing grat - i - tude and praise, or cries of loss and pain,
The One who first sang "Let there be" is sing - ing with us still,
When heav'n and na - ture's mu - sic flows, and when we sing a - long,

what - ev - er sound our voic - es raise, we nev - er sing in vain.
and when we seek that har - mo - ny, it shapes us in God's will.
a sweet - er, grand - er cho - rus grows for God who gives us song.

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