



Eastminster United Church
An East End United Congregation

November 18, 2018

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"Breath is the bridge which connects life to consciousness, which unites your body to your thoughts. Whenever your mind becomes scattered, use your breath as the means to take hold of your mind again."

Thich Nhat Hanh

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome
Wakefield

Susan

*Opening Hymn MV 156 Dance with the Spirit

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: As we light this candle, we open our hearts.

All: **Let the glow of this flame kindle love in our world.**

Opening Prayer

**Holy One, God of all, Spirit that connects us as one, we call out to you,
we name your presence in our lives.**

**We gather in joy, in thanks and praise for the sense of community,
the sense of welcome, the sense of being as one.**

**We know you are with us as we journey, ever present, ever thankful
for the blessing and abundance that each day brings.**

**When we forget your presence and ignore the blessings and abundance all around
us; when we are cold or oblivious to others on this journey with us,
forgive us. Come to soften our hearts and restore our joy and our gratitude.**

**May the silence draw forth our sorrow,
and our prayers for grace.**

Silence

Amen

The Peace Shared

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

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-27

Mary Gerritsma

One: The Word of Hope.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Cultivating Inner Peace: Praying with the Body

Rev. Sarah

Miller

Anthem

Why Do We Hunger for Beauty?

(Steve Bell, arr. Andrew Donaldson)

Signing: Marie Campbell

*Dark are the branches reaching for light
High is the path of the hawk in its flight
Turning and gliding greeting the night
Why do we hunger for beauty?*

*Frost on the window never the same
So many patterns fit in the frame
Captured in motion frozen in flame
And in the patterns is there a Name
Why do we hunger for beauty?
Why do we hunger for beauty?*

*Moon hanging lonely there in the sky
Looking so holy; a host held up high
Off in the distance train going by
Why does it move us cause us to sigh
Why do we hunger for beauty?*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn:

MV 173 Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands

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

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (VU 959)

Connie Zehr

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines

Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Bloor Street United

East End Prayer Cycle: Out of the Cold Volunteers and Guests

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn

VU #884 You Shall Go Out with Joy

Benediction

*Sung Blessing

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

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 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

* **Hilary Donaldson is going on Maternity Leave!**

Hilary Donaldson will be on maternity leave for the first few months of 2019. We are pleased to announce that Andrew Donaldson will be stepping in to fill Hilary's role in the East End music ministry during this time. Andrew will work closely with the ministry team and music staff to support the ongoing worship and musical life of our East End community in the new year.

Andrew is a classically-trained guitarist, performer, teacher, composer and music editor. He has led worship and workshops in congregational song across North America, as well as in Korea, Indonesia, Poland, Switzerland and Scotland. He recently served for five years as Worship Consultant to the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, working in partnership with his wife Wendy. Welcome, Andrew!

* **East End United is Hiring a Community Minister!**

One of the most important initiatives that arises from the creation of East End United is the development of a new community ministry program. Over the last year and half there have been many conversations and plans developed to bring this dream to life. This year the Cosburn congregation received a bequest that they chose to dedicate to the creation of this ministry program. This was the catalyst we needed to move forward and are now pleased to announce that we have posted for the Community Minister/Animator position. The posting is available at the back of the church if you'd like to pass it along and is open until December 10th. We look forward to having the position filled and work to begin in early spring of 2019.

* **Taizé 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.

* **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!

* **Hear How Our Church Meets Hunger Needs in the World!
35 Years of Canadian Foodgrains Bank
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

Eastminster Parlour

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!

If you would like to contribute to a gift from our community, please put it in an envelope labelled 'Hilary and David' and place it in the offering tray, or hand it to a member of staff. All contributions are greatly appreciated!

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.



*Repeat the
Sounding
Joy*

**Sunday
December 9
at 7:30pm**

**The Eastminster Choir
with musical guests**

**Eastminster United Church
310 Danforth Ave, Toronto**

Community Events

- * **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.

- * **Celebrate the Music that Moves You**
A TCO Holiday Concert
Tuesday December 11 7:30pm
Eastminster United Church

The Toronto Community Orchestra is pleased to extend a warm invitation to our upcoming concert "Celebrate the Music That Moves You!" on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 pm. The concert will include the Blue Danube Waltz, Danzon from Fancy Free by Bernstein, 3 Slavonic Dances by Dvorak, the

Nutcracker Suite by Tchaikowsky, and Handel's The Trumpet Shall Sound, featuring Baritone Olivier Laquerre and Darrin Hicks on trumpet. And of course, we will be finishing off with our annual sing-along 12 Days of Christmas. Admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted!

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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