



Eastminster United Church An East End United Congregation

November 25, 2018

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

“Helping, fixing, and serving represent three different ways of seeing life. When you help, you see life as weak. When you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole. Fixing and helping may be the work of the ego, and service the work of the soul.”

- Rachel Naomi Remen

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Pam Cameron

*Opening Hymn

We Are Called

David Haas

Come! live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of our God!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Chords: G, C, D, C, D, G, C, D, Em, Em7, C, D, C, D, G, C, D, C, G

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hate and unkindness will be no more!**

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
Love will reign and we'll walk forward bravely
as siblings, as family, united in love!**

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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

Kate Crawford

God, you have planted a precious seed in our hearts, and, in this community, it is watered and nourished and made to grow.

Open our spirits so that your own Spirit might move over us and within in.

Let our worship be worthy,

Let our praise be wholehearted,

Let our hymns be sincere,

Let our prayer be honest,

As we give ourselves again into your care and keeping. Amen.

The Peace Shared

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

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture

1 Peter 4:8-11

Charles Brown

One: The Word of Hope.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Love & Service

Ministry Staff Team

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn:

MV #154 Deep In Our Hearts

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

*Dedication Prayer

Covenanting with Council, Committees and Pastoral Care Team

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

Christine LeBlanc

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore

Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Knox Agincourt United Church

East End Prayer Cycle: Greeters and Ushers

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

Dedication of the Jean and Louise Kitchen

Song There is Enough Kerri Meyer (*Music that Makes Community*)
During the singing of this song, we will be moving to the Hurndale Room.

Statement of Purpose

Prayer of Dedication

Anthem Bring it On In Kim and Jerry Brody
**Welcome, friends, to our kitchen,
Welcome, friends, to our home!
Whoever you are, wherever you've been,
Whatever you feel, bring it on in.**

Benediction

*Sung Blessing There is Enough (Kerri Meyer, *Music that Makes Community*)

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
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 24	7:00 pm & 11:30 pm	Christmas Eve: 7:30 pm
Dec 30	Christmas 1: Michiko Bown-Kai	Shared service at Eastminster

East End Announcements/Events



Repeat the Sounding Joy

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

The Eastminster Choir
with musical guests

Eastminster United Church
310 Danforth Ave, Toronto

* **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**

December 4 at 7pm.

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.

* **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!

* **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!

Glen Rhodes Community Outreach:

Drop-in Food Bank

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

Glen Rhodes United Church

Community Dinners

Next community dinner: November 26 5:00-6:00 pm

Glen Rhodes United Church

*** CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Sunday December 9 12:20pm

Glen Rhodes Campus

Following on last week's messages from the pulpits, this confirms that the East End United Regional Ministry will conduct a congregational meeting on December 9, 2018 at 12:30pm at the Glen Rhodes Campus. The purpose of this meeting is to confirm our intention to fulfill the covenant that we agreed to when we came together as East End Regional Ministry. Specifically, we will be calling a vote on the question of selling the Cosburn building.

We remain committed to transparency, careful deliberation and consultation, and this vote is the culmination of discussions that began earlier this year. Through the covenant that was voted on this past spring we committed to the sale of a property. Our dreams of community ministry and the success of existing ministries depend on our commitment to this covenant. Leading up to that vote

and in the months that followed a committee that included leaders from each campus deliberated on this difficult choice. The committee brought a recommendation to East End Council. The Council

accepted this recommendation and the process for acting on it. The Council supports the recommendation and is bringing it forward to the congregation for approval.

In accordance with United Church policy, this will be a vote of registered members of the East End Regional Ministry (which includes members of the three inherited congregations) and votes must be cast in person (there are no proxies permitted).

*** White Gift Sunday**

December 9

White gift Sunday is an advent tradition from the early 1900s. Gift brought in honour of Jesus are all wrapped in white paper in order to emphasize the love of the people and the intent of the gift, not the size or value of it.

This year at Eastminster we are collecting items in white bags for Out of the Cold and Toronto Urban Native Ministry.

For OOTC, please fill your bag with:

-men's and women's deodorant

-small tubes of toothpaste

-men's and women's ski gloves

- lip balm / chapstick
- travel size shampoos / lotions
- men's and women's underwear
- thermal long johns (men's and women's)

For Toronto Urban Native Ministry, please fill your bag with:

- board games for adults and kids
- new children's toys and book

Empty bags will be handed out Sunday December 2, collected Sunday December 9 and sorted by the youth group.

Non-perishables will be collected for the Glen Rhodes Food Bank at Eastminster and Glen Rhodes throughout December.

Community Events

- * **WINTERSONGS- VOCA Holiday Concert**
December 8 7:30pm
Eastminster United Church

VOCA will present an engaging and eclectic array of seasonal songs that evening, featuring Celtic and other choral and instrumental selections, with music by Sarah Quartel, Ēriks Ešēvalds, Mark Sirett, Matthew Emery, Jenny Crober, La Bolduc, David Mooney and others.

With special guests Sybil Shanahan (cello) and Celtic multi-instrumentalists Saskia Tomkins (violin, nyckelharpa, Celtic harp) and Steáfán Hannigan (Irish flute, bodhrán, Uilleann pipes).

- * **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

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