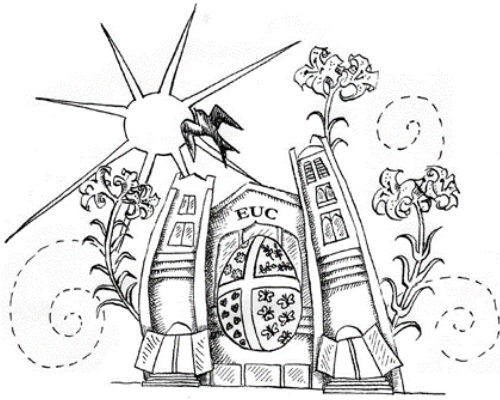


Eastminster United Church  
April 10, 2016  
Third Sunday of Easter

\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit



*“Gratitude as a discipline involves a conscious choice. I can choose to be grateful even when my emotions and feelings are still steeped in hurt and resentment. It is amazing how many occasions present themselves in which I can choose gratitude instead of a complaint.”*

*~Henri Nouwen*

**We Gather as God’s People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Dale Hildebrand

\*Opening Hymn VU#374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Lighting the Christ Candle

*adapted from U.U. Words for Worship*

One: We light this candle to affirm that new light is ever waiting to break through to enlighten our ways

All: **May we be open to this light, and to the rich possibilities that it brings us.**

Opening Prayer

**Each moment we are faced with choices;  
To share a word of kindness, or to whisper criticism.  
To have compassion for ourselves, or judgement.  
To live in this moment, or dwell in the past.  
Reminded of the power of our words and thoughts,  
help us to seek evermore to be gracious and grateful  
with ourselves and with each other.  
Amen.**

\*Sharing the Peace

Children’s Time

Complaining

**We Share in Word and Song**

Scripture

Matthew 18:15-17  
Philippians 4:8

Henry Moller

One:

The word of Hope

All:

**Thanks be to God!**

Meditation	The Science of Happiness	Rev. Sarah Miller
Anthem	Think About These Things	Andrew Donaldson solo: Sarah Hallikas

<i>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,</i>	<i>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.</i>
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**We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn    VU#716    My Life Flows on in Endless Song  
*Please stand in body or in spirit during the last verse for the presentation of the offering.*

\*Dedication Prayer

Faith Story Barbara Strang

Prayers of People and the Lord's Prayer (sung) VU#959 Mary Miller

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

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn    VU#242    Let All Things Now Living

\*Blessing & Sending Forth

\*Sung Blessing    MV#219    Amen

**Today**

**Scriptures:**    Matthew 18:15-17    *p. 19*    Philippians 4:8    *p. 198*

\* **Welcome to Eastminster**

Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive the weekly eblast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also in the Narthex. Children are invited to Nursery (up to age 4) and Church School following the Children's Time. Please pick up children from Church school and Nursery following the service.



\* **Justice Ministries Committee Meets** after the service in Rev. Sarah's office.

**Eastminster Events**

\* **Worship Services**

The Easter season continues with a series focused on Living in Hope as Easter People: In light of all the information, negative news, scheduling, daily challenges...how do we foster a life lived in hope and spirit filled expectation? On April 17 we celebrate baptism! April 24 is Earth Day! You don't want to miss a minute of worship at Eastminster!



**\* Scripture readers needed:**

Please see the Worship Sign Up binder if you would like to sign up to read scripture on Sunday!

**\* Worship Survey**

The worship committee is asking everyone to provide feedback on our worship services by completing a short Worship Feedback Survey. Your answers will help us create a committee work plan for the coming year. You can participate in the Worship Feedback Survey by going to this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/worshipsurvey2016>

It will only take a few minutes to complete. We will keep the survey open for three weeks. It will be closed on April 15 at midnight. We greatly appreciate hearing any comments or concerns you wish to share with us. You can also direct concerns to Rev. Sarah Miller, Susan Bower (past chair), or Jenn Thomson (incoming chair.) Thank you.

**\* Tues. April 12 @ 7pm: Newcomers & Seekers: Exploring Faith, Doubt, Questions & Struggles**

Who am I? What is creation? What is the future? and other big questions. This is a time for exploring the Christian faith with others in a small group setting. Starts at 7pm until 8.30pm at Eastminster United Church – 310 Danforth Ave. (in the Parlour) Presented by East End United, and led by Rev. Sarah Miller (Eastminster) & Rev. Robin Wardlaw (Glen Rhodes United Church). The final meeting is on April 26. Please speak to Rev. Sarah Miller to register.



**\* Wed. April 13 from 6:15-8:15pm: All Ages Church Night- The Empathy Toy + Potluck**

When Jane is not at Eastminster, she is working at Twenty One Toys - a company who is passionate about bringing play back into classrooms and offices. Come experience the Empathy Toy, an award winning tool that is used across educational and corporate settings to help innovators of all ages exercise their empathy and improve their communication, collaboration and design skills.

**We need potluck volunteers!** If you can help, please email Jane at: [janesanden@bellnet.ca](mailto:janesanden@bellnet.ca)



**\* Thurs. April 14 @ 10.40: Chester Village Service**

Please let Rev. Sarah know if you can help out.



**\* Friday April 22**

**Earth Day!**

and....

**\* April 22-24**

**Community Clean Up Days!**

Clean Toronto Together, the City's annual spring clean-up event, will take place on **April 22 - 24.**

Fri. April 22 - Corporate & School 20-minute Makeover

Sat. April 23/Sun. April 24 - Community Clean-up Days

Get out with the kids, friends, family, co-workers or on your own and help clean up your area! Reach out and offer to help a neighbour, a senior or someone who needs a hand...every little bit counts!

Details at: [livegreentoronto.ca](http://livegreentoronto.ca)

**\* Eastminster United Church Presents: Agnes of God Fundraiser!**

Eastminster is proud to announce our production of the play, *Agnes of God*, as part of our accessibility project fundraising efforts!

*Agnes of God*, explores fundamental issues of spirituality vs. obsession, miracles vs. magical thinking, and faith vs. doubt. The play will run for several nights: **Friday, May 13; Saturday, May 14; and Sunday, May 15 (the latter date we include two performances, one being a matinee)** at 310 Danforth Ave. (Chester Subway).

Tickets are \$20 per person and will be available on Sundays after service or through the church office Tues-Fri 10.30-3.30 (cheque or cash only).

All performances will be followed by talk-back sessions. Our hope is that this will give audience members an opportunity to engage with the play in a meaningful way. *(See poster on last page)*

**Announcement Deadline for the Eblast & Sunday Bulletin is: Wednesday at 9am.**

Please send to Sue at: [eastminster@bellnet.ca](mailto:eastminster@bellnet.ca) thanks!

## From our Friends

**\* Sun. April 24 @7:30 pm: Concert with the Four Men**

A fundraiser for Mission and Service, and the ministry of Glen Rhodes United Church. Tickets are now available. Everyone is invited, spread the word! General Admission \$20 / Youth (7-18) \$10. Free admission for children 6 and under. Info: 416-465-3755 / [glenrhodesunited@bellnet.com](mailto:glenrhodesunited@bellnet.com)

**\* Thurs. April 28 from 6.30-8.30pm: Dine and Discover for Faith Communities**

You are invited to CRC's (Christian Resource Centre) Dine and Discover for Faith Communities on Thursday, April 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at 40 Oak Street. Please join us for an evening of great food and good conversation where we will let you know what we're up to and how you might get involved. ***Please R.S.V.P. to Bruce Voogd by April 14*** to advise how many guests you will be bringing. You may reach him at 416-363-4234 ext. 238 or at [brucev@tcrc.ca](mailto:brucev@tcrc.ca). For more information, go to: <http://tcrc.ca/archives/5590>.



Read Beth Baskin's great "Justice Note" bi-weekly updates & events notice here: <https://torontoconference.ca/torontosoutheast/outreach-social-justice-project.php> or contact Beth at: [BBaskin@united-church.ca](mailto:BBaskin@united-church.ca)

## Weekly Events

**Mondays: 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Knitters - meet in Sarah's Office**

**Thursdays: 6:00 - 6:45pm Children's Choir - meet in the Parlour**

**7:30 - 9.30pm Adult Choir - meet in the Sanctuary**

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DIRECTED BY JENNIFER THOMSON  
PERFORMED BY REV. SARAH MILLER, SUSAN WAKEFIELD & KATHLEEN POLLARD

AN EASTMINSTER CHURCH PRODUCTION:

# AGNES OF GOD

A woman in a white robe with a red hood, standing in front of a stained glass window. The woman's face is visible through the 'O' in 'GOD'.

BY JOHN PIELMEIER

**MAY 13, 14 & 15 @ 7PM**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 15TH MATINEE @ 1:30 PM**  
DOORS OPEN A HALF HOUR BEFORE THE SHOW.

EASTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH,  
310 DANFORTH AVE  
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