



Eastminster United Church

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

"This is the Easter message, that awakening is possible, to the goodness of God, the sacredness of human life, the sisterhood and brotherhood of all."

- Anne Lamott

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Catherine Inglis

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle to proclaim that even in the dark earth, in the cold tomb, in our moments of despair.

All: **Hope abides! Love is stronger! Hallelujah!**

Call to Gather

One: Early in the morning,

Children: *Fearful but faithful,*

Adults: *Dubious and doubting,*

All: **We came to the garden ...**

Children: *We expected only silence but we heard the voice of angels;*

Adults: *We did not understand but we found our hope rekindled;*

All: **We came to grieve but instead we encountered Life!**



*Opening Hymn

O God of Vision

Jane Parker Huber



1.O God of vi sion far great er than all hu man schem ing,
 2.Pour out your Spir it on all now as sem bled be fore you.
 3.Grant to us in sight, O God, for this time of de ci sion.
 4.Break the sun's rays in to col our, a rain bow a round us.



Gath er us now in your pres ence, re fresh ing, re deem ing.
 May our div er si ty here be a means to a dore you.
 May we dream chal len ging dreams of both depth and pre cis ion.
 Storm clouds, though real and near, are not e nough to con found us.



Show us a new— life in your breath tak ing view, _____ love ly be
 Wo men and men, young, old, and youth ful a gain, _____ make us as
 Speak through the dark, dis pel by light ning's bright spark _____ what ev er
 Arched in the sky, beau ty and prom ise are high, _____ giv ing us



yond all our dream ing. _____
 one, we im plore _____ you. _____
 clouds dim our vi sion. _____
 hope to as tound _____ us. _____

Opening Prayer

God of the New Day,

you are the life of all that lives,

energy that fills the earth,

vitality to make whole whatever is bruised or broken.

In you we grow to know the truth that sets all creation free.

You are the song the whole earth sings; the promise liberation brings.

Come to us, God, like fresh water, softening the soil of a parched and weary land.

Amen. Hallelujah!

*Sharing the Peace

Children's Time

We Share in Word and Song

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

Neil Riach

One:

The word of Hope

All:

Thanks be to God!

Meditation

An Idle Tale

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

We Praise You, O God / He's Risen, He's Risen!

Text: Julia Coy, C.F.W. Walther; Music: Joseph M. Martin

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to Offer our Gifts and Ourselves

Offering Hymn

VU #477 I Come with Joy st. 1-4

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

*Dedication Prayer

We Celebrate Communion

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Jane Brushey-Martin
& Rev. Sarah Miller

One: Watching at the cross we see the powerful reality of a life directed by love ...

**All: Risen Jesus – as we meet you in imagination, standing in the graveyard,
may fear be thrown off, our lives energised,
and our feet follow yours in the service of justice.**

One: Waiting by the tomb we glimpse the challenging potential of a life constrained by love ...

**All: Risen Jesus – as we meet you in the world, incarnated in others,
may selfishness be defied, our hearts expanded, and our hands join with yours in the
service of liberation.**

One: Walking in the garden we encounter the vibrant possibilities of a life reborn through love ...

**All: Risen Jesus – as we meet you beyond time, present in bread and wine,
may what is wounded be healed through Love and what is mortal be transformed by Life
in the service of your Kin-dom.**

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Songs during Communion: This is the Body of Christ

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This is the bod y of Christ, bro ken and shared, yet whole. This cup as



promised by God, true to the Word, dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul. —

MV #202 Bread for the Journey

Prayer Following Communion

Once again, Love resurrected, has met us in the garden and touched and transformed us with Life. Life in all its fullness now calls us onwards into the powerful reality, the challenging potential and the vibrant possibilities of life resurrected. We go forth with hope renewed! Alleluia! Amen!

Anthem We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection

Text: June Tillman; Music: Joseph M. Martin

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn Come to Us, Beloved Stranger Edith Sinclair Downing
(see back page)

*Blessing & Sending Forth

*Sung Blessing Hallelujah Chorus, from *Messiah* G.F. Handel

Postlude

Today

- **Welcome to Eastminster** Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your e-mail address if you'd like to receive the weekly e-blast 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.
- **Special Thanks:** to Bexy Ashworth (fiddle), Matti Palonen (bass), and Scot Allan (bodhrán) of Old Man Flanagan's Ghost, to Bonnie Sheckter (cello), Jennifer Jones (oboe), and Marie Campbell (flute) of the Toronto Community Orchestra, as well as Andrew Donaldson (guitar) for their gift of music this morning.
- **Special Thanks:** to the Eastminster congregation. Thank you for your generous support of the *Out of the Cold Program*. The use of rooms each Friday evening and Saturday morning and the efforts of Gerald, Jessica, Josh, and Jordana enabled us to provide shelter, warmth, food, clothing and a hot shower for those in need in our community. The program could not happen without the physical space or the participation of the congregation. The donations we received this year from individual members, proceeds of Sonny's tree sales, and the proceeds of Eastminster's Candlelight and Choirs Christmas Concert meant that we were able to consistently provide our guests with the basics such as new underwear, long johns, deodorant and other hygiene products.

Thank you to the many members of the church who contributed to the success of our program - Rev. Sarah led pre-dinner blessings some evenings, Mary Miller anchored the Eastminster presence for the pre-dinner shift weekly. Judith Ramsey's evening team and Chris Bennett's breakfast team had over 15 members helping on a monthly basis - and a number of Eastminster folk regularly signed up to help with the dinner shift and clothing room. Lori Lyons and Mark Sanagan provided freshly washed and ironed pillow cases for our guests and Harry Miller returned pans to Chester Village weekly. Karen Somerville did all our shopping weekly - a huge task! Pam Cameron provided our social media, Paul

Childerhose kept our finances in order, and Dennis Kelher facilitated property-related needs. It really does take a community of caring people to run this program – we are very fortunate to have such a strong caring supportive community at Eastminster. Thank you. Gloria McPherson, OOTC Coordinator.

- **Lawn Signs! East Enders Against Racism** has created lawn signs to allow people to proclaim their commitment to being a welcoming community and standing against racism. The signs say "United Against Hate" and "Everyone Belongs" in several languages and cost \$10. Signs are available in the narthex for purchase.

- **Rev. Sarah will be on Study Leave from April 17-April 25.**
During this time Rev. Jane Brushey-Martin is on call for pastoral care. Her contact info is:
jbrusheym@yahoo.ca 416-399-6810

Eastminster Events

- **Tuesday, April 18 from 7-9pm: Exploring our Faith**
Our study group continues with an exploration of issues of faith, ethics and life. The group meets every second week for 5 weeks in the Parlour. All are welcome to attend.
Tuesday, April 18: Heaven and Hell
Tuesday, May 23: Is death the end of life?
- **Saturday, April 29, 10am-1pm: Cooking Bee**
Meet in the kitchen to prepare meals for those in the congregation who are ill or in the midst of life transitions. Please contact Mary miller @ 416-694-6301 or maryandharrymiller@gmail.com to sign up.
- **E-recycling Fundraising Electronic Waste Collection Campaign**
Spring cleaning is in full effect! What to do with those old cell phones, laptops, gadgets etc. Eastminster is collecting the following items:
 1. Cell Phones
 2. Tablets
 3. Laptop/Notebooks
 4. Digital cameras/ vintage cameras
 5. iPads/iPods
 6. Game gear Nintendo game boy, any play stations, any games for portable gear
 7. LCD computer screens NO LCD TVs or TVs
 8. Anything that has the apple logo even desktops and servers
 9. Vintage game gear and controllers
 10. Go pros

Items will be responsibly re-purposed, recycled or resold within Ontario Recycling Company will pay the Church for items donated. They can be used, working, non-working, broken screens. They all have a recycling value.

Community News

- **Book Launch Celebration: Friday, April 21st @ 7:30 pm** - "Love, Henri: Editing the Letters of Henri Nouwen" Join The Henri Nouwen Society and Trinity-St. Paul's Centre for Faith, Justice and the Arts, at 427 Bloor Street West, Toronto for a Dramatic Presentation with Music featuring Gabrielle Earnshaw, Joe Abbey-Colborne, as Henri Nouwen and David Fallis, pianist and vocalist. Admission is free. Please register your attendance at HenriNouwenEvents@gmail.com. Reception & book-signing to follow.

- **UberSWAP! Saturday, April 29th, 11am to 2pm**

This is the 22nd edition of our popular Women's Clothing Exchange & it'll be held at: Eastminster United Church. Spring Uber-SWAP will help support the church's Accessibility Fund and leftover items will be donated to the Yonge St. Mission & other local agencies serving women & newcomers.

Edit your closets & trade your best *Spring* appropriate cast-offs with other stylish scavengers in the East-End at our eco-lovely event. There will also be a *Maker Section* of craft/art supplies (incl. Fabric, Beads, Yarn, Paints, etc.). For more details, check out the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1524634344214897/>

- **Beaches Mental Wellness**

Are you or someone you know affected by a Mental Wellness Challenge?

Beaches Mental Wellness is a group of peers helping peers. Join on Tuesdays, Community Centre 55 (97 Main Street), from 7-8pm, for an evening of peer support and sharing. For more details, please visit: <http://www.beachesmentalwellness.com> or the [Beaches Mental Wellness Facebook Page](#)

- **Syrian Welcome Dinners:**

The welcome dinners entail matching local residents in the GTA with a new Syrian individual, couple, or family over for dinner into their home. The dinners are not only about sharing a meal together and tasting local foods, but are designed to welcome newcomers to the city, and to learn about Canadian customs and culture in hopes that a long lasting relationship will develop and a sense of warmth and community is formed. Sign up to host a dinner at www.welcomedinners.ca

Announcements

- **Refreshments Volunteers Needed!**

Please sign up to bring refreshments after church for a Sunday or two this fall. Our custodian prepares the coffee and tea. You bring milk, cream, juice and cookies. The sign-up sheet is at the back!

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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F Gm7 F Gm7 B \flat C B \flat F

1 Come to us, be - lov - ed Stran - ger, as you came that East - er day.
 2 Stay with us and give us bless - ing, that our hopes a - gain may rise.
 3 We would nev - er fail to see you as you walk with us each day.

C7 F Dm Gm Am B \flat F

Walk with us to our Em - ma - us, for we need you still to - day.
 Of - fer us your bro - ken bo - dy; o - pen our un - see - ing eyes.
 As a friend and not a strang - er you would join us on our way.

C7 F B \flat F Dm Am Dm Gm7 C9

Come to us when we are bro - ken, when our dear - est hopes are lost,
 Come to us, God's love em - bod - ied; touch our hearts with burn - ing flame.
 Help us trust that through your mer - cy we can doubt and fear tran - scend,

F Am7 Dm7 Gm Dm Gm Am B \flat F

speak to us the proph - ets' mes - sage you ful - filled up - on the cross.
 Ris - en Christ, once dead, now liv - ing, come to us through joy, through pain.
 and to oth - ers be a bless - ing. Keep us faith - ful till life's end.