



Eastminster United Church

May 7, 2017

Easter 4

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"If you want to build a ship, don't herd people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work but rather, teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea."

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Dale Hildebrand

*Opening Hymn

MV #12 Come Touch Our Hearts

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: When I Change, by Ma Theresa Gustilo Gallardo, Quezon City, Philippines

One: We are here to derive meaning in our actions

All: When I change, the world changes

One: We are here to deepen our understanding of ourselves in order to strengthen self-discipline

All: When I change, the world changes

One: We are here to abolish prejudice with an appreciation for our diversity and differences

All: When I change, the world changes

One: We are here to feel our personal power and our capacity to affect the lives of other people

All: When I change, the world changes

One: We are here to become teachers to each other

All: When I change, the world changes

One: We are here to spend time away from the usual influences and re-learn reality

All: When I change, the world changes

One: When God gives me the desire, I am also given the power and means to achieve my goals.

All: When I change, the world changes

One: I am here to see that my singular life is a gateway to countless possibilities.

All: When I change, the world changes

*Sharing the Peace

Children's Time

The children are invited to Church School in the Hurndale and Jackman Rooms.

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture	Acts 8:26-39	Susan Wakefield
Meditation	Teachers on the Wilderness Road	Rev. Sarah Miller
Anthem	Companions in the Way	Andrew Donaldson

*The one who saw the heavens torn apart,
and knew God's kindom close at hand,
says "Bring your skill, your craft, your art;
come, learn of me to fish on dry land."*

*The one who told a story, touched a nerve,
gave those who heard new hearts to hear,
made bread and fish a feast, to serve
as vision of the kindom coming near.*

*The one who used a boat for sowing seed,
a common coin to lay true motives bare,
says, "Bring your gift, your heart, your need,
Come, gather in my name, and I am there."*

*Come, dance thanksgiving, paint a prayer,
Let loose the drums of joy;*

*Come, pluck a riddle from the lute,
Bake bread as Word raised high;
Come, sculpt a psalm to shake, awaken
Spirits into day,
Let Word be bread, be strength, be life:
befriend us, send us as companions in the Way.*

*On donkey's back, he faced the Empire's sword,
a parable for all to see;
with healing grace, inviting word:
"God's realm is near; come, turn and follow me,"*

*The one who turned the tables on the pure,
where coin and earthly power staked their claim
transforms a table to a door
to open wide in welcome, in his name.*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Faith Story	Why I Give	Ann McIlwraith and Ron McKay
Offering Hymn	Praise God Who Gives Us Life	Francisco Feliciano, Philippines

1: Leader
2: All

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. There are dynamics markings: a hairpin (*<*) at the beginning and *fine* at the end. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the staff.

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

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (VU# 960)

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:	India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
Toronto Southeast Presbytery:	Ebenezer United Church
Eastminster Prayer Cycle:	Music Staff

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn	Sithi Haleluya	trad. Zimbabwe; arr. Maria Minnaar-Bailey
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* Blessing & Sending Forth

* Sung Blessing

Alleluia (Iona Community)

Norah Duncan

Postlude

Today

* Welcome to Eastminster



Please sign the guest book in the Narthex and include your email address if you'd like to receive the weekly e-blast announcements from Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book 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.

Eastminster Events

* Tuesday, May 23 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. Our last session explores: Is death the end of life? We will resume in September!

* Wednesday, May 24 from 7-9pm: East End Information Session, in the Parlour

The East End Report will be available May 14. Join us for an info session to discuss the report and any questions you might have.

* 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 by **Sunday, May 7th, 2017:**

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

* **May 6, 2017 –Awesome Furniture ONLY Sale**

The outpouring of generosity in our community is overwhelming and our space is FULL to the rafters with wonderful donations of furniture. Join us at Leaside United Church, 822 Millwood Road (at McRae), this Saturday between 10am and 2pm to clear some of the inventory before our fantastic regular Awesome Sale which will be held on May 13th.

* **May 9, 2017 –An Evening with Sue Mosteller**

CWL is presenting an evening with Sr. Sue Mosteller at Blessed Trinity Church Parish Hall. Sue Mosteller was a close friend of Henri Nouwen. Sue works as Trustee for the Henri Nouwen Legacy and is a longtime member of L'Arche Daybreak. Join us for an inspiring evening as Sue speaks on Hope and Transformation - The Prodigal Son. Blessed Trinity Church Parish Hall, 3220 Bayview Avenue, North York, Ontario, M2M 3R7, Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 PM. For information, please contact Kay Booker: 416-357-5378. A \$10 donation is appreciated.

* **May 9, 2017 – Music, Madness and Mayhem!**

The Toronto Community Orchestra is pleased to invite you to our spring concert, "Music, Madness and Mayhem!" on May 9 at 7:30 pm, Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Avenue. We have a wonderful program of music designed to delight your senses and send chills up and down your spine... with selections from Herrmann's Psycho Suite, Goundod's Funeral March of a Marionette, Saint-Saëns' Danse Bacchanale and Danse Macabre, Grieg's Suite No. 1, Offenbach's Orpheus in the Underworld, and featuring our talented oboist, Eric Chow playing Klughardt's Oboe Concertino. All are welcome, admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted.

* **May 13, 2017 – The Awesome Sale at Leaside United Church**

The Awesome Sale at Leaside United Church, 822 Millwood Road (at McRae), will be held on Friday, May 12th from 3pm-7pm and Saturday May 13th from 9am-Noon.

* **May 14, 2017 – An invitation to listen: The Earth and her Children**

This Mother's Day, join The Very Reverend Stan McKay and Chief Marcia Brown Martel at a learning forum for people of faith committed to understanding the challenges of Canada's history, listening to the voices of Indigenous peoples, and moving toward right relations. The forum will take place at Jubilee United Church (40 Underhill Drive in Toronto) from 2–4:30 pm. Admission is free; please register online at <https://rightrelationsmay14.eventbrite.ca> or call 905-771-5124. This event is co-sponsored by the Living Into Right Relations Circle of Toronto Conference, Toronto United Church Council, and Kairos.

* **May 15, 2017 – Toronto United Church Council's 9th Annual Heart & Vision Celebration**

The Heart & Vision concert celebrates our church's commitment to social justice. The concert is from 7:30–9:15 pm at Daniels Spectrum (585 Dundas St. East in Toronto). Tickets are \$25 for the concert only. \$150 tickets are available and include a post-performance reception. They can be purchased online at <http://tinyurl.com/heartandvision2017> or by phone at 905-771-5124.

* **May 17, 2017 – Songs of Celebration!**

Join us for great music from Great Britain featuring the Talisker Players here at Eastminster United Church. 310 Danforth Ave, Toronto, ON M4K 1N6 (one block west of Chester subway station). Advanced tickets are \$21 at <https://www.picatic.com/songsofcelebration> or \$26 at the door the evening of the concert.

* **May 27, 2017 – Carmina Burana**

On Sat., May 27th, the VOCA Chorus of Toronto's will present Carl Orff's monumental *Carmina Burana*, featuring some of this country's finest musicians, along with other selections, including a solo set performed by Canada's finest percussion quartet, TorQ. We'll also be performing a world premiere of a setting for 2 marimbas of the renowned Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo's *The Spheres* (arranged at his request!), the Ontario premiere of *My Symphony* by Ottawa's Elise Letourneau, and the Kenyan water song, *Kawouno Wan Gi Pi*, arranged by Vancouver's Brian Tate. Purchase tickets online: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/voca-chorus-of-toronto-presents-carmina-burana-tickets-33287511844>

* **Registration open! AUSE Annual Conference/ Spirit Pride 2017, Vancouver**

This year Affirm United/ S'affirmer Ensemble is partnering with St. Andrew's-Wesley United Church **in Vancouver**, joining our annual conference and AGM to SpiritPride, to make both into one amazing national event! Register at: <http://spiritpride.org/registration/>

* **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!

* **Glen Rhodes Outreach Ministry - Drop-In Food Bank & Transit Fund**

Open on Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and 2 – 4:30 p.m. Do stop in for a coffee or tea, and meet the neighbours. All welcome. The food programme appreciates all your donations of money, coffee, cold cereal, milk powder, mac & cheese, tuna, sugar, cookies/snacks, can openers, toothbrushes and other toiletries, clean 250 and 500ml containers with lids, **egg cartons**, shopping bags and books (romance, novels, mysteries, children's, and so on). TTC tokens or donations for same are received with the offering. These go to assist others with crucial travel.

* **The United Church of Canada launches Extreme Hunger Appeal**

The United Church's **Extreme Hunger Appeal** is requesting donations as the humanitarian crisis in Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen reaches grave levels. Twenty million at extreme risk in Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan, and Yemen. There is also extreme hunger, malnutrition, and starvation in Kenya. Small-scale farmers supply the majority of food in Africa, but climate change has created both water and food shortages. Crops are failing and livestock dying. Ongoing conflict contributes to the crisis. **To respond:** Donate online at www.united-church.ca/donate or phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738, and use your Visa or MasterCard or send a cheque, money order, or Visa or MasterCard information with donation amount to: The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit - Emergency Response, 3250 Bloor, Street West, Suite 300, Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4. *Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Extreme Hunger Appeal" on the face of your cheque.*

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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