



Eastminster United Church
May 14, 2017
Easter 5

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

"No matter where life takes you the place that you stand at any given moment is holy ground. Love hard, and love wide and love long and you will find the goodness in it."
Susan Vreeland

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Catherine Inglis

*Opening Hymn VU #126 Bring Many Names st. 1, 2, 5, 6

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!

Opening Prayer

We gather today with curiosity and questions.

Hoping and trusting that there is room for our whole selves here.

We long for connection and understanding, for music and silence.

We give thanks that there is space for all this in our time together here.

Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

Song This is the Day (Children's Choir)

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

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture

Acts 15:1-18

Charles Brown

Meditation

Belonging

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

Where is Love, from *Oliver!*

Lionel Bart, arr. Scott Pietrangelo

*Where is love?
Does it fall from skies above?
Is it beneath the willow tree
that I've been dreaming of?
Where is she
who I close my eyes to see?
Will I ever know the sweet "hello"
that's only meant for me?
Who can say where she may hide?
Must I travel far and wide?*

*'Til I am bedside the someone who
I can mean something to?
Where is love?
Who can say where she may hide?
Must I travel far and wide
'til I am beside the someone who
I can mean something to?
Where is love?*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Faith Story

Why I Give

Paul Childerhose

Offering Hymn

MV #145 Draw the Circle Wide

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: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal
Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Beach United Church
Eastminster Prayer Cycle: Eastminster Council

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU #639 One More Step Along the World I Go

*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.

Bake Sale following the service: all proceeds to cover costs for our play, *Lady in the Van*

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!

* **Tuesday, May 23 6:30pm: Council Meeting**

* **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.

* **Sunday May 28: Worship and Picnic in Riverdale Park**

Meet at the southern part of the park just off Broadview near the statue of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, plates, cup and cutlery and a contribution to our potluck lunch! In case of rain our service will be in the church auditorium. Volunteers are needed to bring over a few tables and chairs.

* **Sunday, June 4: Congregational Meeting following the service**

Plan to stay for a congregational meeting following the service to discuss and vote on the East End United Church Project. Please note that only members of the congregation are eligible to vote. Please speak to Rev. Sarah to find out more about membership. Information sessions will be held May 24 at 7pm and May 28 at the church picnic.

* **Sunday, June 11: East End Churches Shared Service at Hope United Church (2550 Danforth Ave.)**

* **June 18 at 12pm: Trustees Meeting**

* **June 27, 28 & 29 at 7pm: Lady in the Van**

Theatre@Eastminster presents its 2nd annual production, The Lady in the Van by Alan Bennett. Directed by Jennifer Thomson & Christine Berg, featuring members of the Eastminster congregation, including: Chris Bennett, Cathy Forrest, Dennis Kehler, Sam Magnan, Ron McKay, Kate Stewart, Cameron Thomson, and Susan Wakefield. The show runs June 27, June 28, and June 29 at 7pm.

* **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 14th, 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.

Announcements

* **Upcoming Worship**

This is an especially busy spring at Eastminster! Next Sunday we welcome guest preacher Jim McKibbin! On May 28 we celebrate our annual worship service and picnic in **Riverdale Park**. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on and a contribution to our potluck lunch! June 4 we welcome guest preacher Rev. Evan Smith, minister of Toronto Urban Native Ministry. June 4 is also the Day of Pentecost, when we celebrate the birth of the church with cupcakes before our Congregational Meeting. On June 11 we have a shared service at Hope United Church June 18 we celebrate Confirmation. June 25 is Pride Sunday and Pam Cameron will be speaking!

* **Congratulations to Maya Brathwaite on her upcoming ordination!**

Maya will be ordained at the Toronto Conference Celebration of New Ministries service on May 27 at 6pm at St. Paul's United Church, 308 King Street, Midland. Maya will begin ministry with Queensville Holland Landing United Church in July!

* **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:

- Online via our secure donation page: www.united-church.ca/donate.
- Phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738, and use your Visa or MasterCard.
- 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.

Community News

* **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 17 – Green Earth Messy Church**

Join us at Hope United as we dig into creation, do some planting, play some games and eat some green food from 5:30 – 7:00 pm.

* **May 27- Jazz Vespers**

Music from Mike LaLonde (Bass) and Trevor Giancola (Guitar) from 4:30 – 5:15 pm at Hope United.

* **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/>

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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