



Eastminster United Church
May 21, 2017
Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

*"We will be a place where people will work for justice that is
shaped by the Christian values that the United Church espouses.
We are love in action".
-Proposal East End United*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

*Opening Hymn VU#415 God, We Praise You for the Morning

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

adapted from Daniel Kanter

**To love life is to notice the wonders that abound and
To notice the wonders that abound,
Is to be grounded here and now, and
To be grounded here and now
Is the beginning of finding love for this life today.
Let us ground ourselves in this instant in the worship of all things good and right.
Amen.**

Introit

Draw the Circle Wide

Gordon Light, Mark Miller

*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 17:22-31

Meditation

Risking Faith / Daring Hope

Jim McKibbin

Reflection

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Faith Story

Why I Give

Anne Sanagen

Offering Hymn

VU #252 Jaya Ho

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: Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles

Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Birchcliff Bluffs United Church

Eastminster Prayer Cycle: Ministry & Personnel Committee

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn VU#424 May the God of Hope

*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.

* **Today we welcome guest preacher Jim McKibbin.** Jim is a Licensed Lay Worship Leader and a member of the General Council Executive of the United Church of Canada. He is a past-president of As One That Serves (AOTS) the men's organization of the church.

Eastminster Events

* **Upcoming Worship**

This is an especially busy spring at Eastminster! On May 28 we celebrate our annual worship service and picnic in Withrow 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 (2550 Danforth Ave.) June 18 we celebrate Confirmation.

* **Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30pm: Eastminster Council meeting**

* **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.

* **Friday, May 26 and Saturday May 27: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner!**

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: the dinner party weekend that surprises both hosts and guests! Here's how it works: people who want to host sign up, people who want to be guests sign up, then the Dinner Party Fairy matches up names and tells guests where to go and when – but not whose house they'll be visiting for dinner! It's a great way to get to know other members of the East End community. Sign-up sheets are available. For Info contact Harry Miller maryandharrymiller@gmail.com or 416-694-6301

* **Tuesday May 30 at 7pm: Newcomers Gathering in the Parlour**

A Gathering for those who are new to Eastminster and would like to become a member. Please RVSP to Rev. Sarah: sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca

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

'The hilarious and challenging story of a playwright and the homeless woman who parked her beat-up van in his driveway in a genteel London neighbourhood and stayed for 15 years.'

Theatre@tEastminster presents it's 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.

* **Friday, August 11 – Sunday, August 13: Eastminster Camps!**

A group campsite has once again been reserved at Sibbald Point Provincial Park for our annual camping event. The park is on the south shore of Lake Simcoe and has a nice sandy beach and lots of space to wander in nature, play games, or put up the chairs & relax. If you're planning on attending this amazing weekend, please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or email Kendra, kendramhoward@gmail.com.

Community News

* **Monday, May 22th at 5:00pm – Monthly Community Dinner**

Come and enjoy a good meal and a vibrant atmosphere at Glen Rhodes United Church (1470 Gerrard St. E. Toronto, ON M4L 2A3).

* **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>

* **June 7th from 7 pm – 9 pm: Beyond Tweets: Welcoming Refugees from Fortress America**

You are invited to a public meeting at Church of the Holy Trinity (beside the Eaton Centre) to discuss the historical roots of the sanctuary movement in the U.S., the current situation for refugees there, the *Safe Third Country* agreement between Canada and the U.S., and the Canadian response to refugees – in general, and those arriving from the U.S. Please share this invite with your networks. For more information email sanctuarynetworkcanada@gmail.com

* **Saturday, June 17, 2017, 7:00pm: From Adversity Comes Strength Concert**

Join us at Hope United Church (2550 Danforth Ave. Toronto) as we celebrate 10,150 years of Canada's Indigenous history and the continuous inhabitation of Turtle Island. We invite you to come and sing with our combined choir for our celebration. Singers of all ranges and experience are welcome. Most of the music will be from More Voices and will be utilized in conjunction with Geographical and Historical narration. Please visit www.HopeUnited.ca to see full list of music that will be sung.

* **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/>

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:

- 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.

Weekly Events

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| 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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