

# Sunday, May 28, 2017 10:30am

Please note: \* indicates please stand in body or in spirit.

## We Gather as God's People

Welcome & Life and Work of the Congregation

Cathy Forrest

Hymn \* Come All You People

Come all you people, come and praise your Maker 3X  
Come now and worship your God.

Opening Prayer

**God of heaven and earth, thank you for being with us now and always. When we feel far away from you, help us to feel your presence. Help us to slow down and quiet our minds so we can be present to you and to one another. Amen.**

Affirmation of Peace & The Peace Shared

Hymn \* Salaam aleikum

## We Listen to the Word of Hope

Scripture Psalm 8

Story Grandad's Prayer for the Earth

Jane Sanden

Response

Questions for Conversation:

What is your most significant memory of a grandparent?

Share a moment when you had a spiritual experience in nature?

Have you ever had a time you couldn't pray?

Anthem How Can I Keep from Singing

## We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Hymn You Are Holy

You are holy, you show us the way, you are holy, you show us the way. You show us, you show us, you show us the way, you show us, you show us, you show us the way

Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People

## We Go Out to be the People of God

Faith Story Jane Sanden

Sung Blessing \* Johnny Appleseed

Blessing & Sending Forth \*

## Welcome to Eastminster!

*Please stay for the picnic immediately following the service.*

## Announcements

❖ Today, following the service, there will be an East End Info Session. Please see Chris Bennett for information and to

ask questions about the upcoming vote on East End Regional Ministry.

- ❖ **Worship Committee Meeting:** today, following with service.
- ❖ **May 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca)
- ❖ **June 4<sup>th</sup> We celebrate Pentecost!** We welcome guest preacher **Rev. Evan Smith**, minister of Toronto Urban Native Ministry. As a celebration of the birth of the church at Pentecost, you are invited to bring cupcakes to share in our **Cupcake Potluck** after the service and during the Congregational Meeting!
- ❖ **June 4<sup>th</sup>** following the service: **Congregational Meeting** to vote on the East End Regional Ministry Proposal. Please plan to stay for a meeting following the service.
- ❖ **June 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sanctuarynetworkcanada@gmail.com)
- ❖ **June 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am Shared East End Service at Hope United Church** (2550 Danforth Ave.)
- ❖ **Refreshments Volunteers Needed!** Please sign up to bring refreshments after church for a Sunday or two this year.

## Announcements Cont.

❖ **June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: 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](http://www.HopeUnited.ca) to see full list of music that will be sung.

❖ **Sunday, June 18 at 12pm: Trustees Meeting**

❖ **June 27<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, & June 29<sup>th</sup> 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@tEasminster 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.

❖ **August 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>: 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](mailto:kendramhoward@gmail.com).

❖ **Garden Volunteers Needed!** Our newly renovated entrance will require some landscaping work and garden

plans. If this is something you would like to assist in, please speak to Earl Gronewegen.

❖ **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](http://www.united-church.ca/donate).
- Phone 416-231-5931 or toll-free 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2738, and use your Visa or MasterCard.
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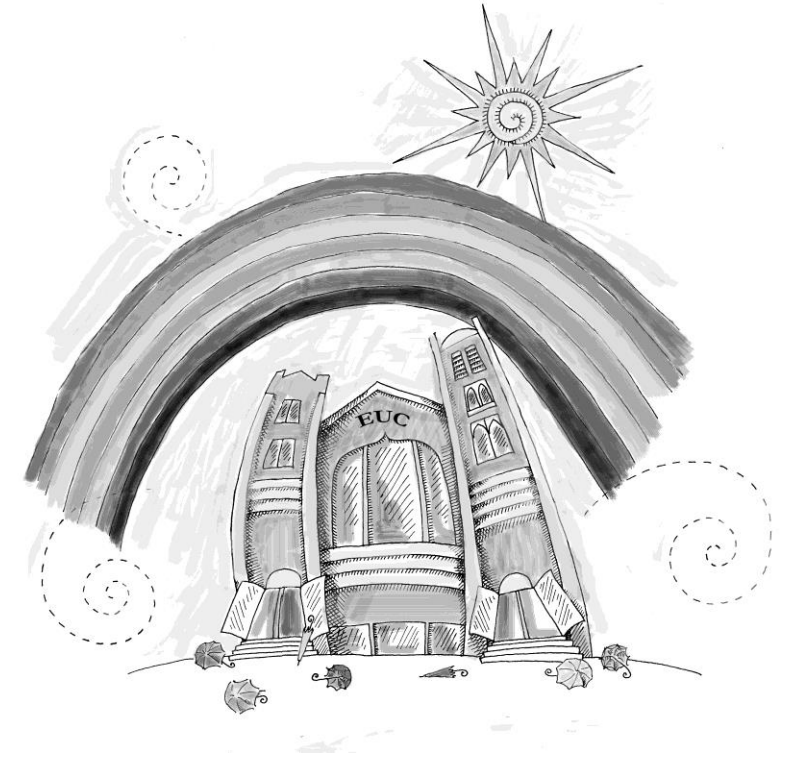
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Please be sure to note "Emergency Response—Extreme Hunger Appeal" on the face of your cheque.

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