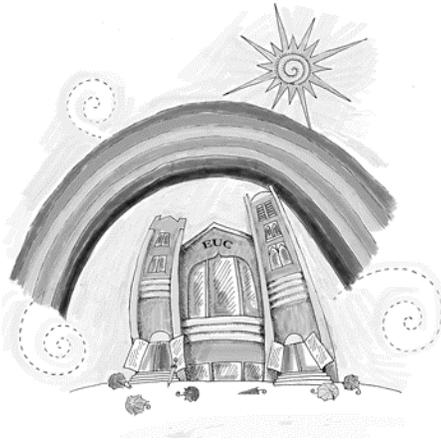


Eastminster United Church
June 25, 2017
Third after Pentecost

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit



*"It takes no compromise to give people their rights...it takes no money to respect the individual.
It takes no political deal to give people freedom. It takes no survey to remove repression."
— Harvey Milk*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Catherine Inglis

*Opening Hymn MV #156 Dance with the Spirit

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: From this small flame, may a fire of passion spread from heart to heart!

All: **Holy Spirit, light our way!**

Opening Prayer

Rev. Jane Brushey-Martin

Birthing God, you come to us in the winds and the breath of life.

You nurture us with the waters of creation and the lively ability to think freely.

Fill us with your openness and generous love.

Gay or straight, lesbian, bi, trans or queer, all colours, faiths and no faith,

hold us as we stretch into the unknown spaces of our minds and hearts.

May we be transformed by your words of tenderness and power.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Sharing the Peace

Church School Leader Appreciation

Jane Sanden and Pat Roy

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

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture

John 13:33-35

Catherine Inglis

Meditation

On Being an LGBTQ Ally

Pam Cameron

Anthem

Born This Way

Lady Gaga; arr. Adam Anders and Tim Davis
adapted for publication by Roger Emerson

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn

Draw a Wider Circle

Adam Tice



1. Draw a wid - er cir - cle— or, per-haps, e - raise.
2. Plan - ets spin in or - bit, cen - tered on a star;
3. Do we meas - ure mar - gins just to feel se - cure,



Spi - ral toward God's cen - ter, grav - i - ty of grace.
some will cir - cle close - ly, some re - volve a - far.
cast - ing out the dif - f'rent, hop - ing to be pure?



Raze for - mer fenc - es mark - ing out and in—
From an - y dis - tance light il - lu - mines each.
Christ is our cen - ter— boun - d'ry lines must fall.



ho - ly and un - ho - ly, sanc - ti - ty and sin.
Through the void of dark - ness none is out of reach.
God's light flows un - hin - dered; grace a - bounds for all.

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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: Kenya, Tanzania

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

- * Closing Hymn MV #138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines
- * Blessing & Sending Forth
- * Sung Blessing We Will Go Out with Joy Andrew and Hilary Donaldson
- 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.

- * **Our preacher today is Pam Cameron.** Pam graduated university with a degree in History and so naturally went to work for Lovcraft. She now owns this business and it has helped her these many years to be an advocate and ally in health and wellness, including being a passionate ally for the LGBTQ community.
- * **Special thanks to Rev. Jane Brushey-Martin for her leadership this morning.**
- * **You're invited to the Church School End of Year Bowling Party!** We'll be having fun with snacks, crafts, games, and bowling in the gym here at Eastminster during the June 25th church service (and maybe for a few minutes after)!
- * **Join the United Church group in the Toronto Pride Parade!** The Affirm United-Interfaith Group is Marching Group K46 and the meeting place is at Ted Rogers Way and Bloor. Bring comfortable shoes, water and sunscreen and wear purple! Since we are late in the parade, our meeting time is 3:15pm

Eastminster Events

* **June 27th, June 28th, & June 29th 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 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 11th – Sunday, August 13th: 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.

* **Late September 2017 - Lay Education**

Next Steps on the Journey is for those currently involved with the three East End United congregations (Cosburn, Eastminster, Glen Rhodes) and other faith communities. It offers the chance to grow in faith, leadership and loving service—to take next steps on one's faith journey. We invite anyone, from any United Church congregation to join this program. For more information, visit <http://www.eastminsteruc.org/news/>

Announcements

* **Volunteers needed at the North American Indigenous Games July 16-23!**

"The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's (TRC) Calls to Action #88 calls on all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Indigenous athlete development and growth through continued support of the North American Indigenous Games. In order to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation, the TRC Calls to Actions call on all Canadians to take part in recognizing the past while building a brighter future for our future generations." See <http://naig2017.to/> to find out more about the games and check out <http://naig2017.to/en/get-involved/volunteers/> if you can sign up to volunteer.

* **Skylight Festival: Justice, Spirituality and Arts in Paris, Ontario July 28-30**

Skylight is a diverse community at the intersection of justice, spirituality, music and art. Inspired by the Greenbelt Festival, UK and the Wild Goose Festival, US and includes programming for all ages. Toronto Southeast Presbytery has funded 30 spots for attendees, use Promo code: SouthEast 100 when registering. For info go to: <https://www.skylightfestival.ca/>

* **Hilary is away for research and holiday time until July 2nd.**

* **Danforth Multi-faith Community Committee are organizing 2nd annual First Eid gift baskets**

We have identified 8 or 9 refugee families in the East End who will be celebrating their first Eid in Canada. We are seeking donations to cover the costs. Donations can be made through Eastminster. Please note on your envelope: Eid Baskets

* **Apartment needed for a single mother and baby**

Do you know of an apartment in the neighbourhood or close to TTC available June 15 or July 1 that would be suitable for a single mother and baby? Her budget is \$1000 all inclusive. Please speak to Rev. Sarah at sarah.bmiller@bellnet.ca if you have any leads.

* **Lady in the Van Volunteers Needed on June 27, 28 & 29!**

We are looking for a concession attendant, a front-of-house person to oversee ushering and hosting as well as a box office person to manage tickets during afternoons and evenings of performances. If you would like to contribute, please contact Mary Gerritsma at 416-465-6064 or mgerritsma@sympatico.ca.

* **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.

* **Refreshments Volunteers Needed!**

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

* **Lawn Signs! East Enders Against Racism**

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 from Old's Cool General Store on Lumsden Ave.

* **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.

Community News

* **July 10- 5, 9am - 4pm, Ages 8 - 12: Fables and Parables!...an Art, Music and Drama Camp**

Fables and Parables...an Art, music and Drama camp for ages 8 - 12, will take place July 10-15, 9:00am-4:00pm, at Hope United Church, 2550 Danforth Ave. The participants and instructors will work together through a variety of mediums to create a presentation based on fables and parables! Daily lunch as well as morning and afternoon snacks are included. Tuition fee is \$300. Generous bursaries are available. For more information and to request a registration form please email: HopeUnitedChurch@gmail.com or call 416-691-9862

* **Yoga for all ages with Mary Rose: Thursdays at 10:30am at Hope United Church**

Free all-ages Yoga class led by Mary Rose. You can do the class seated in a chair or on a mat. The class is designed for gentle movement customized to your mobility. Hope United is fully accessible. Please enter through the double glass doors at 2550 Danforth Ave. 416-691-9682 <http://www.HopeUnited.ca>

*** 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's 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.

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