



Eastminster United Church
An East End United Congregation
May 6, 2018
5th Sunday after Easter

**Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

*"It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself."
- Eleanor Roosevelt*

We Gather as God's People

Words of Welcome

Pam Cameron

*Opening Hymn: VU #165 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.
All: **And also with you!**

Please share the peace of Christ with one another.

The children are invited to Church School in the Hurndale Room.

We Share in Word and Song

Greek Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16

Lorie Fairburn

Sermon

Justice, Work and Fairness

Rev. Sarah Miller

Anthem

Parable of the Sower

Don McAfee

*Behold, a sower went forth to sow:
 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the wayside
 And the fowls came and devoured them up
 Some fell on the stony places, where they had not
 much earth
 And forthwith they sprung up, because they had no
 deepness of earth
 And when the sun was up, they were scorched*

*And because they had no deepness of root, they
 withered away.
 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprung up
 and choked them
 But others fell into good ground, and brought forth
 fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some
 thirtyfold.
 Who has ears to hear, let him hear.*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn:

MV #127 I Saw the Rich Ones

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

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of People & the Lord's Prayer (VU #959)

Mary Miller

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
 Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Malvern Emmanuel United Church
 East End Prayer Cycle: EUC Council

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn: VU #183 We Meet You, O Christ

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Sung Blessing Peace, Salaam, Shalom (Emma's Revolution)

The image shows musical notation for a sung blessing. It consists of two staves of music in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Peace, salaam, shal-om, ___" repeated three times on the first staff, and "Peace, sal aam, shal - om. ___" on the second staff. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The second staff continues with: D4 (half), C4 (quarter), Bb3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (half).

Postlude

Today

* Welcome to Eastminster, an East End United Congregation



If you're new, please fill out a contact card and drop it in the collection plate if you would like our weekly email newsletter or would like more information about Eastminster. Prayer requests can be added to the Prayer book also in the Narthex. Children 4+ are invited to church school after we pass the peace. Nursery is available for toddlers and infants.

Thank you to Pam Cameron, Lorie Fairburn, Mary Miller, Mary Gerristma, and Jonathan Lin for all of their varied and generous contributions to the service today. You and your efforts are so appreciated!

East End News/Announcements

* EASTMINSTER NURSERY IS OPEN AGAIN!

We welcome Megan, a student at Rosedale Collegiate, as our nursery caregiver each week from now until the summer!

* East End Newcomers Group

May 22, and 30 6:30-8PM

Eastminster United Church - Rev. Sarah's office

Those interested in becoming members of an East End congregation or seeking to explore faith and learn more about the church are invited to a Newcomers Group. To RSVP or for more information, email Rev. Sarah Miller - sarahmiller@eastendunited.ca

* Upcoming East End Worship:

"If an audience kept complete silence during a challenge parable from Jesus and if an audience filed past him afterward saying, 'Lovely parable, this morning, Rabbi,' Jesus would have failed utterly."

— John Dominic Crossan, *The Power of Parable: How Fiction by Jesus Became Fiction about Jesus*

For the season of Easter, we explore the teachings of Jesus through parables and how they spoke to Jesus' first audience, and are still relevant to us today.

As we now share a ministry staff team for East End United, we will be sharing worship together more frequently. Here's a schedule for the next couple of weeks so you can plan ahead:

May 6- Parable of the Vineyard Worker

11:00am at Cosburn with Rev. Jane
10:30am at Eastminster with Rev. Sarah
10:30am at Glen Rhodes with Michiko

May 15- Taizé Service

7:00pm at Glen Rhodes with Hilary Seraph Donaldson

May 20 Pentecost

10:30am Shared East End All Ages Service at Eastminster with Rev. Sarah and Michiko

May 13- Parable of the Mustard Seed

11:00am at Cosburn with Rev. Jane
10:30am at Eastminster with Rev. Sarah
10:30am at Glen Rhodes with Michiko

* East End Covenant Vote

Today, after the service!

Our next step is for each congregation to vote on our Joint Covenant.

Motion

Resolved that this congregation of Eastminster, meeting on 6 May, 2018, request that Toronto Southeast Presbytery approve the amalgamation of Cosburn United Church, Eastminster United Church and Glen Rhodes United Church into a single pastoral charge as of June 30, 2018 in accordance with the terms and considerations of the Covenant Agreement dated March 13, 2018.

* **OUT OF THE COLD at Eastminster. Providing basic needs, warmth, dignity, kindness**

What did we do during the extended season of Out of the Cold at Eastminster?

We hosted 26 weeks of meals, showers, clothing and toiletry access, nurse access, haircuts, warmth, dignity and kindness. Who and what made it possible?

* The dedicated lead team (700+volunteer hrs): Christine Hagan, Pino Spano, Kathleen Lewis, Michelle Alfano, Karen Somerville, Geoff Hadrill, Rachel Harris, Marnie Walker, Jared Martin, Tamara Woolman, Pam Cameron, Paul Childerhose and me

* Rev. Sarah Miller and the Eastminster Congregation donating space for the program as well as toiletries and other items from White Gift Sunday and other events

* Jordana Kuhn - setting up the tables and chairs weekly; Neil Powers and Ben Priede providing evening support; Gerald Gordon overseeing the site

* Norm Tanaka and Alex Sinclair overseeing the accounting; the property committee approving commercial grade food prep tables and freezer

* Karen Somerville doing all the food shopping weekly

* Geoff Hadrill & Stephan Jack delivering the prepared meals from Chester Village

* Pino Spano and I picking up the bread from Cobbs every Thursday

* Mary Miller anchoring the pre-dinner shift team; Roy Caven & Claremont students helping with set-up

* All the Eastminster members and community members who volunteered for the dinner or clothing room shift; groups from Glebe Home United, Scotia Bank, school and communion groups

* Judith Ramsey's evening team of choir members and friends

* Community based evening teams: Kingston Road United, The Danforth Liberals, Sheila Spencer's friends

* Chris Bennett's breakfast team of Eastminster members and friends

* Breakfast teams from KRU, Holy Cross and Wexford Heights United

* Harry Miller returning pans to Chester village weekly

* Lori Lyons and Mark Sanagan washing the pillow cases for our guests

* Me picking up bags of running shoes monthly from Free Running and re-donating bags of inappropriate clothing items to the Salvation Army weekly.

* Dixon Hall staff

* Everyone in the congregation and the community who purchased their Christmas tree from Sonny, organized collections, donated financially or in kind; grants from Riverdale Share and The OOTC Foundation.

It really does take a community of caring people to run this program – we are very fortunate to have such a strong caring supportive community at Eastminster.

Thank you!

Gloria McPherson, OOTC Coordinator

* **Trustee Meeting**

May 13, after service

Reverend Sarah's office

Could the Trustees please stay after the service Sunday, May 13th for a meeting in Reverend Sarah's office.

* **Volunteers are needed to welcome, read Scripture, offer prayers of the people, and provide Refreshments.**

If you would like to offer your time and talent, please sign up in the narthex!!

* **THEATRE @ EASTMINSTER - NEW WEBSITE!!**

From the creative team that brought you Lady in the Van and Agnes of God, Theatre @ Eastminster brings

you a new show in June: Gruesome Playground Injuries.

For more information about the production and tickets, check out their new website:

<http://theatreastminster.strikingly.com>

- * **Glen Rhodes Outreach Ministry: Drop-in Food Bank**
Wednesdays 9:00-11:30am & 2:00-4:00pm
Glen Rhodes United Church

Volunteer's needed to pick up bread!

The Glen Rhodes Food Bank needs a volunteer with a car May - September to pick up bread from Cobs on the Danforth on Tuesday evenings around 7:20pm, and transport it to the food bank where Ruth will assist in unloading.

Thank you John and Eleanor for their service picking up bread this year!

For questions or to volunteer, Contact Clarisse at Clarisse@TekSavvy.com or 416-690-1834.

- * **Volunteer opportunity:**
The food bank at Glen Rhodes Church needs able-bodied helpers on Monday mornings to unload the weekly food delivery from Daily Bread. The task takes about one hour. The truck arrives between 9am and 12pm. Also needed are calm, responsible volunteers on Wednesday morning or afternoon for a variety of tasks such as helping in the kitchen to breaking down boxes or cleaning-up and stacking chairs after closing at 3:30pm. Need more information? Contact Clarisse at Clarisse@TekSavvy.com or 416-690-1834.
- * **CATS: Community Art Time Studio**
Thursdays 1:00-4:00pm
Cosburn United Church
Drop-in for art and community, all levels and interests welcome - bring a project you're working on, or start something new. Some basic materials are available but participants are welcome to bring their own.
For more information, contact Greta King 416-421-5711.

East End Events

- * **Experience a Therapeutic Touch® session for yourself!**
TODAY - Sunday, May 6 11:45 - 1:30
Eastminster Parlour
Spots are still available to book a Therapeutic Touch session for yourself! Sign up in the Narthex or speak to Paula!
Sessions are 15 minutes in length. Experience the benefits of Therapeutic Touch today!

Therapeutic Touch® (TT) is an accepted healing modality which can promote relaxation, reduce anxiety, manage pain, improve sleep and facilitate healing. Standing firmly on 40 years of clinical practice and research, it is widely used both by health-care professionals and laypersons. Although profound in effect it is easily taught and learned and is a skill available to everyone. Talk with Paula after church.

Contact - Paula Neilson pmneilson@gmail.com
Eastminster Therapeutic Touch Branch

- * **East End Pastoral Care Team Meeting**
Sunday May 6 12:30-1:45pm
Glen Rhodes United Church
Anyone interested in being a part of the team or in just seeing what we do, you are welcome to join us.
- * **East End Taizé Worship Service**
Tuesday May 15 7:00pm
Glen Rhodes United Church

Join Hilary Seraph Donaldson as she leads us through a contemplative Taizé worship service.

* **READS Book Club**

Friday May 25 - Book Chat 7:00pm, Social at 9:00 pm

Book: Beartown by Fredrik Backman

Although written by the author of "A Man Called Ove," a previous book club choice, this thrilling, tightly-coiled tale is completely different. The only similarity is that it's set in Sweden. Backman's fictional Beartown is a small, backwoods community whose identity, passion, dreams and ultimate survival revolves around their Junior hockey team. On the surface, it's about hockey (May is NHL playoff month). Going much deeper, the story is a riveting spin on the dark side of sports celebrity bestowed on young people, the town's shaming of a female victim of horrific crime ... and the overwhelming culture of loyalty and protection to "just shut the accuser up and get on with things". Can this community find the courage to do the right thing when most people find it easier to go along and buy into the old adage of: "the end justifies the means"?

Enjoy a lively discussion by the fire, followed by the 9 pm Social Wine and Cheese. Held at the home of Neil Riach and Carolyn Curren, a block from Eastminster. For address, queries email Carolyn at: neilcarolyn@idirect.com or call 416 465 6174 or John Brown at 416 463 0844.

* **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner!**

Friday June 1 & Saturday June 2

Surprise Locations

Want to meet new people from East End United Churches? Want to reconnect with people in your congregation? Guess Who's Coming to Dinner is the dinner party weekend that surprises both hosts and guests! Sign up and we'll randomly match you with new or old friends to have dinner with! If you like to cook, you could host! If you want a break from cooking, you could be a guest!

Dinners will be taking place June 1 and 2. Sign-up sheets are available at each East End campus on Sunday until May 27 or by emailing Mary Gerritsma mgerritsma@sympatico.ca or Anne Sanagan asanagan@hotmail.com

* **Cooking with Rocchina!**

A CDC Committee Event

Sunday June 3 1:00-3:00pm

Eastminster Hurndale Kitchen

Join and welcome Rocca 'Rocchina', Toronto's most personable Southern Italian Chef for an afternoon of preparing and cooking several Italian dishes.

The experience will make you feel and think of faraway Italy!!

The dishes that we will be preparing under Rocchina's guidance are:

Pasta with Rapini, Chicken breast stuffed with mushrooms in a light cream sauce, pizza bianca with potato and rosemary, and pizza Margherita, for dessert Tiramisu!!

The cost is 25\$ per person and the proceeds are going towards the OUT OF THE COLD Programme!!

We have space for 20 people on a first come first serve basis.

Please see Enrico donenrico@gmail.com, Anne Sanagan, or Mary Gerritsma if you are interested in attending.

* **Documentary Screening**

Belonging in the Body - Transgender Journeys of Faith

June 8 7:30pm

Eastminster United Church

Join East End United in collaboration with Generous Space Ministries for a screening of "Belonging in the Body- Transgender Journeys of Faith" followed by a Q&R with Executive Director, Wendy VanderWal-Gritter.

Community Events

* **Sister Act - presented by the Curtain Call Players (CPP)**

May 4-12 Matinees @ 2:00pm, Evening shows @ 8:00pm

Fairview Library Theatre- 35 Fairview Mall Dr.

CCP was founded at Glen Rhodes and many of our members either appear on stage or help with front of house or crew! For more information and tickets, you can check out their website <http://www.curtaincalltoronto.com/>

* **The TCO Presents "Dancing with the Stars"**

May 8, 7:30pm

Eastminster United Church

The Toronto Community Orchestra is very pleased to invite you to a fantastic evening of classical, folk, and all that Jazz!

Featuring Dvorak's Romance for Violin and Orchestra, Holst's Jupiter (from the Planets), a Suite from the movie Chicago (arr. Ted Rickets), and more!

With soloists Alessia Disimino, and Alex Redman

All are welcome, admission is free, donations are gratefully accepted. Please join us in the Auditorium for a reception after the concert.

* **Courageous Voices**

May 9 7:00-8:30pm

Metropolitan Community Church- 115 Simpson Ave

"Courageous Voices" is an amazing production by the Grade 8 students of East Alternative School of Toronto, including two of our Eastminster teens. The play- developed by the students themselves - honours people who have fought for social justice and made a difference in the world. The final performance is Wednesday, May 9 7:00-8:30pm, at Metropolitan Community Church. No tickets are needed, but donations collected will be given to charities identified by the students.

* **The Toronto Choral Society Presents: The Music of The Beatles**

May 16 7:30pm

Eastminster United Church

Advance Tickets \$20. For more info, check out their website www.torontochoralsociety.org

* **Toby's Place Comedy Night Gala Fundraiser**

May 26 7:30pm

Birchcliff Bluff United Church

Share some laughs and give to a worthy cause. This hilarious show, directed by Randy Vancourt, will showcase some of Toronto's best sketch, improv and stand-up comedy artists with Maggie Cassella returning to host again this year. There will also be a silent auction and cash bar.

Funds raised go to Toby's Place, a safe space for LGBTQ2S youth in Scarborough.

For a full line-up of comedians, more information, and tickets, you can visit their website:

<https://www.bbuc.ca/tobysplace>

Weekly Events

Mondays:	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Knitters	Meets in Sarah's Office
Thursdays:	7:30 - 9.30pm	Adult Choir	Meets in the Sanctuary

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Custodians: Joshua Somers, Jordana Kuhn, Neil Powers, Benjamin Priede

Soloists: Laura Larson - soprano, Sarah Hallikas – alto, Jeff Schissler - tenor, Andrew Hodwitz - bass



**THE EASTMINSTER
CHOIR PRESENTS**

CANADA

*Sweet and savoury
snacks, coffee and
tea provided*

EH?

*A live rock band and
surprise special
guests!*

CONCERT AND DANCE PARTY!

**Featuring the works of Canadian
Singer/Songwriters**

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