

Eastminster United Church  
*An East End United Congregation*  
May 13, 2018  
6th Sunday after Easter

*\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

*"I believe we are here on the planet Earth to live, grow up and do what we can to make this world a better place for all people to enjoy freedom."  
- Rosa Parks*

**We Gather as God's People**

Words of Welcome

Harry Miller

\*Opening Hymn: VU #320 Mothering God, you gave me birth

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 the awe and wonder of this day.  
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 13:1-23, 31-32	Paula Nielson
Sermon	Nurturing Growth	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

Faith Story	Gloria McPherson
Honouring Out of the Cold Volunteers	

Offering Hymn: VU #187 The Spring Has Come

*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)

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:	Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal
Toronto Southeast Presbytery:	Ebenezer United Church
East End Prayer Cycle:	Ministry and Personnel Committee

## We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn: If you Only Had Faith / Si tuvieras fe Caribbean; transcr. Jorge Lockward;  
Eng. tr. Pablo Sosa

*"Si tuvieras fe como un granito de mostaza,"  
eso lo dice el Señor,  
"Tú le dirígas a esa montaña:  
"¡Muévete! ¡Muévete!"*

*"If you only had faith, just like a little  
seed of mustard,"  
this is what Jesus has said,  
You would be able to tell this mountain:  
"Move away! Move away!"*

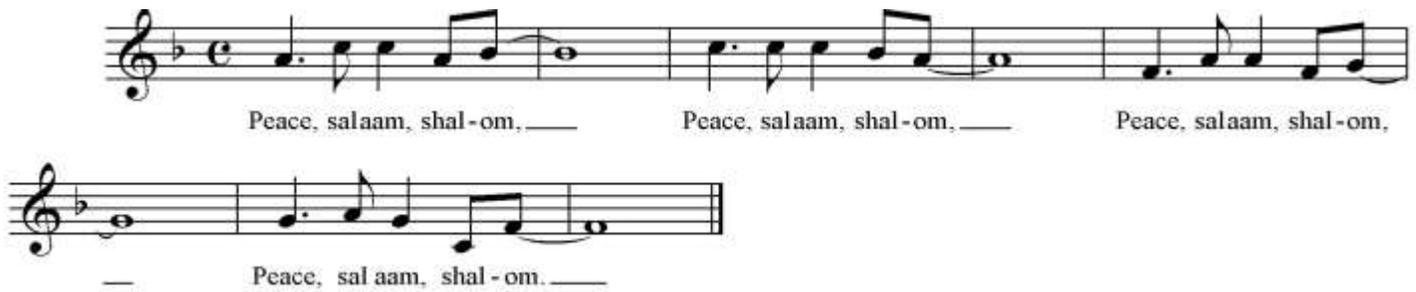
*Y la montaña se moverá, se moverá, se moverá.*

*And then the mountain will move away,  
will move away, will move away.*

\*Commissioning and Benediction

\*Sung Blessing

Peace, Salaam, Shalom (Emma's Revolution)



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 Harry Miller, Paula Neilson, Troy Hammond, Rachel Boardman and Connie Zehr for their generous contributions to today's service! You are so appreciated!

## East End News/Announcements

\* **Covenant Vote**

Thanks to all, who voted on the April/ May Motion to accept our joint covenant (which is still available at each campus). Glen Rhodes, Cosburn and Eastminster have voted overwhelmingly in favour of the motion. Congratulations to everyone for your vision, patience, and excitement in this new direction we are taking together as East End United. By June of 2018 we will officially be East End United!

As always if you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you,  
Your Joint Transition Council

\* **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:**

**May 15: Taize 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 27**

11:00am at Cosburn with Michiko

10:30am at Eastminster with Rev. Jane

10:30am at Glen Rhodes with Rev. Sarah

**June 3**

11:00am at Cosburn with Rev. Jane

10:30am at Eastminster with Rev. Sarah

10:30am at Glen Rhodes with Michiko- Pride Celebration

**June 10**

11:00am at Cosburn with Rev. Jane

10:30am at Eastminster with Michiko

10:30am at Glen Rhodes Hymn Sing

**June 17**

11:00am Shared East End Service at Cosburn

**June 24**

10:30am at Eastminster with Rev. Sarah- All Ages Pride Celebration: Glitter in the Park

10:30am at Glen Rhodes with Michiko- Aboriginal Day Service

\* **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**

**TODAY 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://theatreathminster.strikingly.com>**

\* **GLEN RHODES OUTREACH MINISTRY: Drop-in Food Bank  
Wednesdays 9:00-11:30am & 2:00-4:00pm  
Glen Rhodes United Church**

Volunteers 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

\* **EAST END TAIZE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Tuesday May 15 7:00pm**  
**Glen Rhodes United Church**

Join Hilary Seraph Donaldson as she leads us through a contemplative Taize 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](mailto: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](mailto:mgerritsma@sympatico.ca) or Anne Sanagan [asanagan@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

\* **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](http://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

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

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**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**

**MAY 27, 7pm | \$20 ADMISSION**

**Plus over \$3,000 worth of  
raffle prizes to be won!**

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