

# Eastminster United Church

## *An East End United Congregation*

May 20, 2018

Day of Pentecost



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

*We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untameable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.  
The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.  
We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions,  
transforming us and the world.  
A Song of Faith, The United Church of Canada*

### **We Gather as God's People**

Prelude / Teaching Time

Words of Welcome

Norman Tanaka

*\*Opening Hymn:* VU #375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (v. 1, 3, 4)

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

**Spirit God,**

**When we are afraid, you fire us up with courage.**

**When we are stuck, you move us to action and help us to see**

**When we feel alone, break down the walls that separate us.**

**Fill us with the hope and promise of Pentecost! Amen!**

*\*Sharing the Peace*

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

*You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

### **We Share in Word and Song**

Greek Scripture

Acts 2:1-21

Colin Harris

Reflecting together:

1. How many languages can you speak? What languages are they?
2. Share a story of a time where there was a lot of wind. Where were you? What happened? How did it make you feel?
3. Have you ever had to speak to someone who spoke a different language than you? What happened?
4. What did you learn?

Anthem

I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves

Moses Hogan

### **We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Offering Hymn:

For All that Turns us from You / Rombaho

As taught by Sharon Lee Ranotahinjanahary, Madagascar

English: Andrew Donaldson

**Refrain:**

**Whoa, whoa rombaho, whoa, whoa rombaho,  
For you are our treasure, and the joy in our song,  
Holy One, shine upon us.**

**Whoa, whoa rombaho, whoa, whoa rombaho,  
Surround us, O Spirit with the light of your love;  
Holy Dove, light upon us.**

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

\*Dedication Prayer

### **We Celebrate Communion**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift our hearts in prayer.**  
One: Let us give thanks to God.  
**All: It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

### **Communion Responses: MV #203, 204, 205**

Songs during Communion: MV #202 Bread for the Journey  
VU #466 Eat this Bread

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles  
Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Beach United Church  
East End Prayer Cycle: Finance and Property Committee

### **Prayer Following Communion**

**Holy God, we are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Amen.**

### **We Go Out to Be the People of God**

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn: She Flies On

Leader: The Spirit of God travels on,  
**People: She comes sailing on the wind.**  
Leader: Over the face of the waters of chaos,  
She moves.  
**People: She comes sailing on the wind.**  
Leader: Across the generations of humankind,  
She moves.  
**People: She comes sailing.**  
  
Leader: She moves in the spirits of dreamers, and prophets;  
And where she moves,

New possibilities emerge.  
A child is born,  
A barren heart finds new delight.  
Hannah, his mother, sings,

*(Hannah):* My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
Speak no arrogance, for God is the Lord.  
There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
no Rock like our God,  
Who raises up the poor from the dust;  
who lifts the needy from the ash heap.

The child becomes a prophet, a counsellor to kings;  
And the Spirit moves on,

**People:** Her journey just begun.

Leader: The Spirit moves among us.

**People:** Our journey has just begun.

**Refrain (all):**



She comes sail-ing on the wind, — her wings flash-ing in the sun; — on a  
journey just be - gun, she flies on, — and in the pas sage of her flight, — her song  
rings out through the night; full of — laugh-ter, full of light, — she flies on. —

*v. 1-4 (soloists); congregation join on refrain.*

Leader: The Spirit moves on,

**People:** Her journey just begun.

Leader: The Spirit calls us to travel on.

**People:** Our journey has just begun.

Leader: She calls us to journey on the way of the servant,  
The way of the cross.

**People: Our journey has just begun.**

Leader: Will you sing the Spirit's song in your heart  
As you follow in the way?

**People: We will.**

Leader: Will you follow with the faithfulness of Hannah  
and the courage of Mary?

**People: We will.**

Leader: Will you love sincerely, resist evil,  
And hold fast to what is good?

**People: We will.**

Leader: Will you speak no arrogance,  
but keep company with the ordinary, the humble,  
offering hospitality,  
treating one another with love and respect?

**Leader: We will,  
Offering ourselves as a servant community,  
We will walk with God, following Jesus,  
moved by the wind and the fire of the Spirit.**

Leader: Her journey has just begun.

**People: Our journey has just begun.**

**Verse 5 (All): Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,  
After dawn returned in flame of rising sun,  
The spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,  
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on.**

**Chorus She comes sailing on the wind...**

\*Commissioning and Benediction

\*Sung Blessing

We Will Go Out with Joy

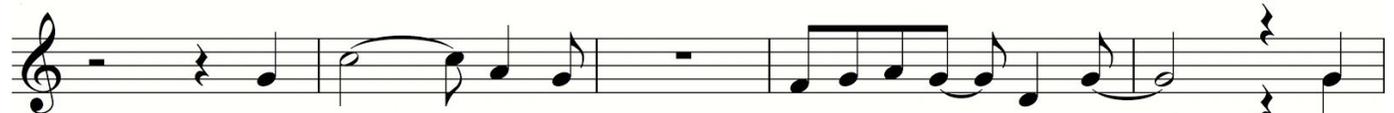
Hilary Donaldson and Andrew Donaldson



1. We will go out with joy in the Spir - it, we will go out with God.  
2. Now an - y - one\_ who's born\_ of the Spir - it sing a new song\_ of joy.



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Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy. Al -



le - - - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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.

## 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:**

**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

**\* 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**

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 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

- \* **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, pizza Margherita, and 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

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

**Soloists:** Joy Klopp - soprano, Sarah Hallikas – alto, Jeff Schissler - tenor, Andrew Hodwitz - bass

## **Some Proceeds from the Canada Eh? Fundraiser will go towards the Canadian Food Grains Bank!**



Canadian Foodgrains Bank's goal is to end world hunger. Canadian churches work toward this goal by: providing food in times of crisis for hungry people in the developing world; helping people grow more food to better feed themselves and their families; and providing nutritional support to malnourished people with a focus on pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and young children.

For more information, visit their website: <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/>



**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!**

**BENEFITTING THE CANADIAN  
FOODGRAINS BANK**