



Eastminster United Church

An East End United Congregation

June 10, 2018

*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

-Marianne Williamson

We Gather as God's People

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Colin Harris

*Opening Hymn:

The Arc of History Bends Today

Adam Tice



1. The arc of his - t'ry bends to -
 2. As shame and si - lence lose their
 3. The arc of his - t'ry al - ways
 4. For dreams de - ferred and rights de -
 5. The arc of his - t'ry bends toward



day a - gain toward peace, its aim;
 hold, we learn to sing new songs;
 bends when peo - ple share God's grace;
 nial our church - es must la - ment;
 peace; come, see what God has done!



as love, once more, has found a way,
 new voic - es lead us, proud and bold,
 though sure - ly as one strug - gle ends,
 and when ours is the priv - 'leged side,
 Where jus - tice, grace, and love in - crease,



and dares to speak its name.
 to o - ver - turn old wrongs.
 an - oth - er takes its place.
 Christ calls us to re - pent.
 a new world is be - gun.

**Contemporary hymn writer Adam Tice wrote this text immediately after the U.S. Supreme Court's 2013 ruling on the Defense of Marriage Act which found it unconstitutional.*

Tice connects the struggle for Civil Rights with movements toward equality for LGBTQIA peoples.

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Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle as a reminder that a flame, no matter how small, can still light our way in the dark

All: May the peace of Christ bring light to all.

Introit

In the Bulb there is a Flower

Words: Natalie Sleeth

Music: Joshua Leavitt (PLEADING SAVIOR)

*In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.*

*From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.*

**Originally titled "Hymn of Promise," this text has become an unofficial anthem
of many trans Christian communities.*

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Opening Prayer: A Prayer for a Colourful Inclusive Church
Project)

(Adapted from Iridesce: The Living Apology

Living Spirit,

You call each of us by our name; you call us Loved.

Together, you call us by our many names; you call us Wonderfully Diverse!

You call us to come together; you call us Community,

You call us Church, you call us to this Project of living into apology

You have called us to this time and to this place of sharing and listening, of naming and listening, of healing and listening...

Living Christ,

We listen to the very beat of our hearts, an echo of your compassion for those who live on the margins:

Because of who we love, how we love;

how we express themselves;

how we do it or don't do it;

how our bodies are or aren't;

how we have been transformed by the courage of authenticity;

May our hearts beat together as one.

Like you, we are all divinely designed.

May we live our human years on this earth in your Way,

as we walk together in your path of love and justice,

with God and with each other,

where all are invited and welcomed, valued and celebrated!

Living God,

You have responded to our cries for justice,
with decades of courageous organizers, witnesses, advocates and allies;

**You have responded to uplift the lonely and the broken hearted,
with countless friendships, supportive families members,
social communities, and affirming churches;**

**You have responded to our vision of a colourful and inclusive church, with the pastels, paints and brushes
of courage, faith and commitment!**

With song and dance!

With music and celebration!

We thank you for your trust in us.

We thank you that we have been called to be part of this moment in your church when people

of diverse skin colours and cultures

of diverse incomes and means

of diverse ages and abilities

of diverse lifestyles and commitments

and of diverse sexualities and gender expressions

**are hearing the call to come together to revive hearts and minds and customs and institutions into living,
breathing, dancing, painting, singing, *joyful* celebrations of your people!**

May it be so!

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

Hebrew Scripture

Psalm 6

Refrain:

Rachel Kroh, for Music that Makes Community;
after Rainer Maria Rilke

Fear not the pain, let its weight fall back in-to the earth, for
hea - vy are the moun - tains, hea-vy are the seas.

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O God, do not rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your wrath.

Be gracious to me, O God, for I am languishing;

O God, heal me, for my bones are shaking with terror.

**My soul also is struck with terror,
while you, O God—how long?**

Turn, o God, save my life;
deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.
For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who can give you praise?

**I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.
My eyes waste away because of grief;
they grow weak because of all my foes. Refrain**

Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for God has heard the sound of my weeping.
**God has heard my supplication;
God accepts my prayer.
All my enemies shall be ashamed and struck with terror;
they shall turn back, and in a moment be put to shame. Refrain**

Greek Scripture	John 11: 28- 43	Shirley Carmichael
Sermon	Risking to Share in Hope & Faith	Aaron Miechkota
Anthem	Brave	Sara Bareilles

*You can be amazing, you can turn a
phrase into a weapon or a drug
You can be the outcast, or be the
backlash
of somebody's lack of love
Or you can start speaking up*

*Nothing's gonna hurt you the way
that words do when they settle
'neath your skin;
Kept on the inside and no sunlight
Sometimes a shadow wins
But I wonder what would happen if
you*

*Chorus:
Say what you wanna say,
And let the words fall out
Honestly, I wanna see you be brave*

*Everybody's been there, everybody's been
stared down by the enemy, fallen for the
fear, and done some disappearing, bow
down to the mighty
Don't run, just stop holding your tongue*

*Maybe there's a way out of the cage where
you live, maybe one of these days you can
let the light in,
Show me how big your brave is*

*And since your history of silence
Won't do you any good,
Did you think it would?
Let your words be anything but empty
Why don't you tell them the truth?*

We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers

Offering Hymn:

Now is the Time to Speak

Words: John Thornburg;
music: John Carter

1. Now is the time to speak, ech - o - ing Je - sus'
2. Now is the time to pray, plead - ing for vi - sion
3. Now is the time to cry, too man - y hun - ger,
4. Now is the time to sing, know - ing the mer - cies

bold__ cri - tique, chal - len - ging those who scorn__ the meek;
in__ our day, light to il - lu - min - ate__ the way,
thirst__ and die while we ac - cuse, com - plain__ and lie,
God__ can bring, tun - ing our praise, re - mem - ber - ing.

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Now is the per - fect time. Now is the mo - ment.____

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

*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People

Connie Zehr

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Botswana, Zimbabwe
Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Leaside United Church
East End Prayer Cycle: Property Committee

We Go Out to Be the People of God

Life and Work of the Congregation

*Closing Hymn:

Come, Spirit of Darkness and Light

Words: Adam Tice;
music: Randall Sensmeier

Come, Spir-it of dark - ness and light, and weave through this col - our - ful earth
rain - bows that dance in our sight and dreams of cre - a - tion's new birth.

V. 1--4: soloists

**5. Black is the panther, and black is the fly;
black is the pupil of everyone's eye;
black is the night with the stars shining through.
Black is a gift; may God give it to you.**

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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.

Special Thanks to our Guest Preacher today, Aaron Miechkota!!

Aaron Miechkota is the Coordinator for Iridesce: The Living Apology Project. Aaron is an inquirer in our church, and a theology student who is exploring her call to ordained ministry. Born in Manitoba, she now lives in Montreal. She says listening to stories of people in our communities of faith across the country continues to be a sincere blessing.

East End News/Announcements

* A Closing Worship At Cosburn

Sunday June 17 11:00am

Cosburn United Church

Join East End United for a joint service where we honour Cosburn's legacy and gather together in worship for their final service in the building. Light refreshments to follow in the gym.

Please note, this service will take place in the sanctuary which is not an accessible space.

* EASTMINSTER NURSERY IS OPEN AGAIN!

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

* Upcoming East End Worship:

June 17

11:00am Shared East End Service at Cosburn (not an accessible space)

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

* Apartment Search

Cheryl Suttie is looking for a one bedroom apartment for before August 31. Her maximum budget is \$1100 inclusive. She is also hoping for some help on moving day. Please contact Cheryl if you have leads on apartments or can help out. c.suttie@hotmail.com

* **EAST END UNITED IS HIRING SUMMER STUDENTS!**

Full job descriptions are available in the main office.

* **Want to receive the United Church Observer?**

The United Church Observer is an award winning magazine, published monthly. It features fascinating and challenging articles in the areas of justice, faith, ethics, culture, and more. Eastminster is currently renewing our group subscription, so please let the office know if:

1. You do not currently receive The United Church Observer and would like to.

-OR-

2. You DO currently receive The United Church Observer but do not want to in the future.

Please email Sarah H. in the office at eastminster@eastendunited.ca if either of these apply to you. If you are receiving The Observer and you want to continue doing so, no action is required. There is no charge to receive the magazine, but if you would like to make a contribution to help support the church's group subscription (\$25/subscriber), simply label the donation "for The Observer" in the offering plate or online: <http://www.eastminsteruc.org/donate-now/>

* **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!!

* **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 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

* **Pastoral Care Team Meeting**
Sunday, June 10 12:30-1:45pm
Glen Rhodes United Church

The Pastoral Care Team meets monthly at 12:30 at Glen Rhodes.

We are a lively group. Our meetings centre around "learning conversations" and experiential sharing, finding innovative and personalized ways of providing gentle pastoral care within our East End United communities.

Anyone interested in joining us to discover a learning pastoral environment, and perhaps be a part of a supportive pastoral care and outreach, we welcome you to come and see.

* **READS Book Club**

Friday June 22 Book Chat 7:00pm, Social 9:00pm

Book this month: The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald

Available at the library in all formats: books, ebook, eAudiobook, audiobook CD, and CD Talking Book.

A book set in Iowa yet written by a Swedish author! It begins with a correspondence between two quite different women: 28-year-old Sara from Haninge, Sweden, and 65-year-old Amy from the small town of Broken Wheel, Iowa. After years of exchanging books, letters and thoughts on the meaning of literature and life, Sara travels from Sweden to visit her pen pal. When she arrives, however, she finds Amy's house empty; the funeral guests are just heading home! Sara is now alone. And what choice do the inhabitants of Broken Wheel have but to take care of their bewildered tourist? And what choice does Sara have, faced with a town where nobody reads yet she desires to honour her friend, but to set up the perfect bookshop with all the books she and Amy shared? And then watch as the townsfolk are, one by one, transformed in unexpected ways. In the glorious tradition of 84 Charing Cross Road and The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, this is a big-hearted, witty book about books, friendship, love (and romance). Primarily it's about being open to the unexpected!

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 the church. For address, queries email Carolyn at: neilcarolyn@idirect.com or call 416 465 6174 or John Brown at 416 463 0844.

* **Open Market**

presented by Cosburn Arts Centre

June 24 10:00am-4:00pm

Coburn United Church

Join us for an artisan sale, vendors, food, and Odds & Sods. For more info: officecosburnarts@gmail.com

* **Gruesome Playground Injuries by Rajiv Joseph**

June 28, 29, 30, and July 6 and 7 at 7:30PM

July 8 at 1:30PM

Eastminster United Church

Tickets \$25 can be bought at <http://theatreastminster.strikingly.com/buy-tickets>

Gruesome Playground Injuries is a sometimes bloody but always sincere love story of two people stumbling through the hurdles and electrical storms of life. Doug and Kayleen meet at age eight, and their lives go on to intersect for the next thirty years. At different times they heal each others' hurts, both internal and external, and then leave each other again just as the healing reaches completion.

The show runs approximately 90 minutes, with a talkback after each performance presented in partnership with the [Sashbear Foundation](#). Talkbacks are intended to further explore the themes of mental health, resiliency and support, which the characters, Doug and Kayleen, grapple with through the show.

AUDIENCE ADVISORY: EXTREMELY STRONG LANGUAGE, PARTIAL NUDDITY, AND ADULT CONTENT.

Community Events

* **Summer Carillon Recital**

June 15, 21, 29 at 12:00pm

Metropolitan United Church- 56 Queen St E

Mark the date for our 3-series Carillon Recitals. Listen to these outdoor recitals from the front lawn of Metropolitan United Church.

Friday, June 15 - Scott Allan Orr (Toronto/Oxford)

Thursday, June 21 - John Widmann (City Carillonuer, Federick, Maryland)

Friday, June 29 - Gordan Slater (former Dominion Carillonneur, Ottawa)

Admission is free and no tickets are required. Donations towards the Metropolitan's upcoming carillon renovation project is appreciated. For more info visit metunited.org.

* **Unsettling the Word- Biblical Experiments in Decolonization
Book Launch**
June 25 7:00pm
St. Stephen-in-the-Fields Anglican Church- 103 Bellevue Ave

You are invited to a Book Launch for Unsettling the Word - Biblical Experiments in Decolonization, in which 60 Indigenous and Settler authors come together to wrestle with the Scriptures, re-reading and re-imagining the ancient text for the sake of reparative futures.

The event will feature a panel of contributors and readers from Presbyterian, Anglican, Mennonite, and United church backgrounds, and copies will be on sale for \$25.

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

ALL AGES CHURCH NIGHT & POTLUCK!

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES TO
CELEBRATE PRIDE

JUNE 19 6-8PM

EASTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

