



Eastminster United Church  
*An East End United Congregation*  
July 1, 2018

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

“Wounding and healing are not opposites. They're part of the same thing. It is our wounds that enable us to be compassionate with the wounds of others. It is our limitations that make us kind to the limitations of other people. It is our loneliness that helps us to find other people or to even know they're alone with an illness. I think I have served people perfectly with parts of myself I used to be ashamed of.”

*- Rachel Naomi Remen*

**We Gather as God's People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

\*Opening Hymn: VU #892 Who Comes from God, as Word and Breath

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.**

Opening Prayer

**Today we are joined in seeking the aspirations of the heart.**

**In this time together, we connect in giving voice to those melodies which can heal the wounded soul. In this place, we are joined in speaking the words which set us free. 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.*

**Honouring our Church School Leaders for their service this year, as well as celebrating Rev. Sarah Miller's 10<sup>th</sup> year preaching at Eastminster!**

**We Share in Word and Song**

Greek Scripture

Mark 5:21-43

Andrew Cassidy

Sermon

Oh Canada:  
Justice and Healing for Indigenous and Migrant Children

Rev. Sarah Miller

**We Respond with our Thanks and Prayers**

Offering Hymn:

VU #613 We Cannot Measure How you Heal

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

\*Dedication Prayer

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (sung VU #959)

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda  
Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Tamil United Church Mission  
East End Prayer Cycle: Offering Counters

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

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn: MV #169 When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

Commissioning and Benediction

\*Sung Blessing

We Receive Your Blessing (Grace and Natasha Moes)

We re - ceive your blessing, we re - ceive your grace, as we walk in the light \_\_\_ shining  
from your \_ face. May the peace that you give \_\_\_ change the way that we live; \_\_\_ we re -  
ceive your bles - sing as we leave this place. *Fine* Praise God \_\_\_ from whom all  
blessings flow; Praise God, \_\_\_ all creatures high and low; praise \_\_\_ God \_\_\_ in Je sus  
ful - ly known; \_\_\_ Cre - a - tor, Word, \_\_\_ and Spi - rit, \_\_\_ One. We re

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.

**This weekend marks Sarah's 10th anniversary with Eastminster!**

Thank you, Sarah, for leading us these last ten years with strength, faith, humour, and love. May we continue to be inspired by you and your work.

**CHURCH SCHOOL CELEBRATION!**

Today at Eastminster, we will have a party during the service in the gym to celebrate the end of the school year! Arts and crafts based children's programming will continue throughout the summer led by our summer students.

Thank you so much Pat Roy, Mary Brehaut, Paul Childerhose, Christine Hanlan, and Heather Methven for your compassionate leadership in Church School this year!

## East End News/Announcements

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

Summer is here, and that might mean vacations (or even staycations!) for many of our congregants! It also means we need more volunteers to sign up for providing refreshments, reading scripture, and welcoming us all Sunday mornings. Please sign up for any of these leadership roles in the Narthex. We'd love to have your voice in our service!

\* **Eastminster Kitchener Renovation**

The Eastminster kitchen will be closed for renovations this summer. We look forward to some amazing changes made possible by the generosity of an anonymous donor and support from the Out of the Cold fund.

\* **Summer Students at East End United**

Beginning July 3, we welcome two summer students, Karina and Dana, to East End United. They will be spending one day each week at each East End campus and running children's programming at Eastminster on Sunday mornings. Look forward to learning more about them next week!

\* **SING! PLAY! SUMMER! WORSHIP SERIES**

For 5 weeks beginning July 15, we will be using a SALT resource: Sing! Play! Summer! To inspire our worship services, music, and children's programming. Also, included are wonderful summer activities to do at home. Copies of the Sing! Play! Summer! booklet are available to pick up at the back of the church this week

\* **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](mailto:c.suttie@hotmail.com)

\* **Another Apartment Search**

If anyone has an apartment or an extra room they are looking to rent, a graduate student named Jacob is looking for housing. He describes himself as a neat, quiet, and respectful Christian doctoral student in Earth Sciences at U of T, having just finished an undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan. If you have information or a room to rent, you can reach Jacob at (815) 758-6171

\* **GLEN RHODES OUTREACH MINISTRY**

**Drop-in Food Bank**

Wednesdays 9:00-11:30am & 2:00-4:00pm  
Glen Rhodes United Church

**Community Dinners**

July 23 & August 27 5:00-7:00pm  
Glen Rhodes United Church

\* **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

\* **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](#).

## Community Events

\* **Keeping Families Together—In the U.S. and Canada**

Since April 2018, nearly 2,000 children have been separated from their parents and placed in mass detention centres or foster care as part of the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy toward those without visas attempting to cross the US-Mexico border. We might think this is a new issue, but through residential schools and the Sixties Scoop, the United Church participated in or condoned the removal of Indigenous children from their homes and families. We continue to be complicit in policies that marginalize and separate Indigenous and racialized children from their families. Both Canada and the United States can do better for these children. Find out what you can do here [www.united-church.ca/news/keeping-families-together-us-and-canada](http://www.united-church.ca/news/keeping-families-together-us-and-canada)

\* **General Council 43 Opening Worship**

**Sing and Pray with 2,000 People**

**Sunday July 22 10:00am**

**University of Ontario Institute of Technology**

**2000 Simcoe St. North, Oshawa ON**

Something special is happening at the 43rd General Council this year! Moderator Jordan Cantwell invites you and your congregation to the opening worship service co-hosted by All Native Circle and Bay of Quinte Conferences. This unique collaboration will be beautifully embodied in our opening celebrations, and reflected throughout the week.

Join a group from East End United who are gathering with General Council commissioners, visitors from other congregations, and international and ecumenical guests. If you would like to join the East End group, get in touch with Fred [fjangus@aol.com](mailto:fjangus@aol.com).

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