



Eastminster United Church  
*An East End United Congregation*  
July 8, 2018

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

**“I know of no other Christianity and of no other Gospel than the liberty both of body & mind to exercise the Divine Arts of Imagination. Imagination the real & eternal World of which this Vegetable Universe is but a faint shadow & in which we shall live in our Eternal or Imaginative Bodies, when these Vegetable Mortal Bodies are no more. The Apostles knew of no other Gospel.”**

**– William Blake, Jerusalem: The Emanation of the Giant Albion**

**We Gather as God’s People**

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Jennifer Thomson

Call to Worship

One: We lift our hearts, voices and minds

**All: To share the words of the Psalm writers, the poets**

One: Who wrote to encourage and inspire

**All: Faith in God’s Everlasting Love**

One: Let us worship

**\*Opening Hymn:**

VU #316 Praise Our Maker

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light this candle in God’s name

**All: To guide us in times of Trial**

Opening Prayer

**Lord let your words**

**Inspire and Uplift Us**

**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.*

Children's Time

You Shall Go Out with Joy

*The children are invited to follow Jane and Dana for Church School.*

Let us read aloud together the quote from William Blake at the top of the program.

**We Share in Word and Song**

Hebrew Scripture

2 Samuel 5:1-5

Pat Roy

Psalm 48 (VU #772)

Sermon

Why are the Psalms in the Top Forty of Bible Readings?

Susan Wakefield

Solo

We Sing to You, O God (words: Gracia Grindall; music: John Ireland)

Laura Larson

We sing to you, O God  
The Rock who gave us birth  
Let our rejoicing sing Your name  
In all the earth  
To you O God let songs be raised  
In joyful hymns our feast of praise

You bear us through the world  
An eagle to her young  
Who rises on her wings and  
Bears us toward the sun  
We ride the vaults of light  
And air and trust in Your unfailing care

We wandered far from home  
Out in a desert land  
You shielded with Your love  
Our fearful pilgrim band  
You kept us safe within  
Your arms and sheltered us  
Against the storm

O God, eternal God  
We hide within your wings  
The everlasting arms to whom  
Our praises ring  
Your Word is true  
Your way is just  
You are the God in whom we trust

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

Offering Hymn: VU #218 We Praise You, O God

*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)

Mary Miller

Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: Eritrea, Ethiopia

Toronto Southeast Presbytery: Fairlawn Avenue United Church

East End Prayer Cycle: Prayer Shawl Knitters

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

Life and Work of the Congregation

\*Closing Hymn: VU #236 Now Thank We All Our God

Commissioning and Benediction

\*Sung Blessing VU #884 You Shall Go Out with Joy

**You shall go out with joy  
And be let forth with peace,  
And the mountains and the hills  
Will break forth before you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
And the trees of the fields  
Will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,  
While you go out with joy.**

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 Mary Gerritsma (piano) and Laura Larson (soprano) for sharing their gifts of music this morning.

## 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!

### \* **SUMMER STUDENTS AT EAST END UNITED**

Beginning July 3, we welcomed Dana to East End United. She will be spending one day each week at each East End campus and running children's programming at Eastminster on Sunday mornings.

Dana is currently an undergraduate student studying political science and French at McGill University in Montreal, QC. As an active member of her student body, she is a member of the International Relations Students' Association of McGill where she strives to facilitate youth empowerment and leadership through community outreach programs and Model UN conferences. She also enjoys supporting a diverse and multicultural community as an event coordinator for the McGill Association of North American Born Asians. In her free time, she likes to spend time with her friends and family, watch basketball, and bake.

\* **Born This Way Podcast**  
**EPISODE 14: RISKING THE WAVES & CALMING THE STORM**

Listen to this week's episode of the Living Presence podcast to hear some familiar East End voices.

Episode Synopsis: HAPPY PRIDE!! A short history of the harm churches have inflicted on LGBT communities and the hope that comes from mending relationships. The time I thought I was going to die on the Pacific Ocean. Jesus calms the storm. David finds comfort with Jonathan. All music this episode was performed by the Eastminster United Church Choir. Scripture read in this episode read by Sarah Miller, Michiko Bown-Kai, and Jane Sanden live from PRIDE Toronto.

Listen on their website [livingpresenceministry.org](http://livingpresenceministry.org) or subscribe on iTunes, Spotify, or Stitcher.

\* **EASTMINSTER KITCHEN RENO**

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.

\* **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**  
**July 8 at 1:30PM**

**Eastminster United Church**

**Tickets \$25 can be bought at <http://theatreateastminster.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

### \* THE FESTIVAL OF FAITH

**United Church General Council 43**  
**July 21 & 22**  
**University of Ontario Institute of Technology**  
**2000 Simcoe St. North, Oshawa ON**

The Festival Faith is a chance to celebrate the hopeful things that are already happening in communities of faith across the country. It is a FREE celebration of our work and witness through the arts! More info [HERE](#).

What's happening at the festival?

- \*music- lots on genres on a multiple stages
- \*art- to see and participate in
- \*workshops- 25 of them! with facilitators from around the country
- \*spiritual expression- prayer stations
- \*coffee house- spoken word, poems, songs, and a variety of other art expressions
- \*artisan market
- \*community innovation challenge- "design jam" where we will look together at some of the biggest challenges we are facing and come up with creative ways to address them together!
- \*memorial 5km run & 2km walk
- \*fun- games, inflatables, face painting, balloon animals, and much more!

\* **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).

\* **Come and See Palestine and Isreal**  
**October 31- November 10, 2018**

Join Rev. Marianna Harris and George Bartlett on a pilgrimage to see for yourself what is happening in Palestine and Israel. Learn about the effects of the occupation on the lives of ordinary people. Discover how Jewish Israeli and Palestinian activists are seeking to create change. Visit key holy places as we reflect on Jesus' life and teachings. Cost \$2800 plus airfare. Contact George Bartlett at [g.bartlett@sympatico.ca](mailto:g.bartlett@sympatico.ca) for further information.

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