



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
October 1, 2017



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017

10:30 a.m.

** Congregation is invited to stand.*

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the friendship pads and pass them along the row and back again.

Prelude *The entry of the light.*

Silent Meditation

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*, Book of Confessions

Introit *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Call to Worship

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

***God's people called to the Table where simple grace
nourishes us.***

From down the street to across town, from single households
to apartment dwellers:

***God's people are called to community, where we live and
serve one another.***

From every class, every race, every status; from little ones
with sippy cups to elder adults with overflowing hearts:

***God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer
peace to a shattered world.***

In the name of the Prince of Peace, let us worship God.

*** Hymn #610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

SERVICE OF CONTRITION

***Prayer of Confession**

***Silent Prayer**

*** Unison Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we admit to each other and confess to you, our shallowness and willfulness, our folly and our selfishness. We confess the careless and cruel word, the negative and cynical thought, the irresponsible deed, and the dithering inaction. We regret the kindness withheld, the opportunity not taken, the high ideal betrayed, and the faith fudged or denied. Forgive us, cleanse us, amend us, and restore to us our life's calling to abundant love and eager hope which we have received through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Response**

[#720, Galilee]

Jesus calls us by thy mercies, Savior may we hear thy call; Give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

(Turn to your neighbors and say, "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

Rutter

Reading from Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7

(Pew Bible, page 61 – OT)

Children's Message

Reading from Scripture

Philippians 2:1-13

(Pew Bible, page 186 – NT)

Sermon

"God's Enemies Have a Point"

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

A Litany for World Communion Sunday

Loving God, you have created us to be one family. Help us to realize the possibilities of faith and live as citizens of your kingdom. Hear our prayers for the world:

We pray for our brothers and sisters of Africa, where faith is exuberant and your church grows rapidly. We grieve that there is much pain, and famine, and thirst there, and many nations know violent unrest and ethnic strife.

Help us to stand with those who suffer, minister to those who are wounded, and give so that wells will not run dry, food may be abundant, medicine may save lives and war will not destroy them.

We pray for our brothers and sisters of Asia, where your church is small but where religious faith is great. Teach us to respect the many paths humanity takes toward you.

Deepen our understanding of tradition, serenity, and prayer. Inspire us in our quest for common meaning and purpose. Bring unity to fractured regions; quell ethnic strife and build communities of reconciliation.

We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East, the cradle of the church; the birthplace of our Lord; the land we call holy.

Let all hear and follow the teachings of Jesus, learning that the hungry are not fed with threats, thirst is not slaked with intolerance, and the future will only be built on the rock of trust, not the sands of hate.

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Europe, whose heritage of Christian faith has been our resource and inspiration, where exalted art, music, and architecture have inspired generation upon generation with the beauty and the majesty of your gospel message.

We pray this heritage may be rekindled even as the dispirited church languishes and the voice of the gospel has lost its impulse. Awaken the nations to their heritage; inspire them to confidence in that which does not fade or fail.

We pray for our sisters and brothers in Latin America, where your church struggles valiantly for the weak and the poor, where the bounties of your creation have been so misused by outsiders...even us.

May the vibrant faith of the church there inspire us to a new sense of calling. May the tenuous peace and the fragile justice newly established in some places infect every place and reflect your will for the people.

We pray, O God, for the people of North America, where so much affluence hides so much poverty, and where so much privilege exposes so much resentment, where racial animus flares and confusion in values tears at the fabric of community.

Refresh us in your Spirit, O Lord. Recall your church to its senses; recall the people to a posture of humility. Give it boldness in speaking the truth and compassion in salving wounds. Help us to claim the liberty Christ gave us in becoming servants of hope bearing your grace in Word and deed.

We pray, O God, for our brothers and sisters everywhere, for ourselves, and for the earth, our home.

Here, O God, and throughout all the earth, we trust in your abiding care. We give ourselves to you and strive toward a deepened witness to your peace. Amen.

Presenting Our Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology

*Dedication of Peace and Global Witness Offering

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation / Prayers of Intercession

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion Hymn #526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Celebration of the Sacrament

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy, holy, holy Lord... #562

Words of the Institution of the Sacrament

Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer

*Hymn of Praise #372 *O for A World*

The light leads us into the world.

*Charge and Blessing

*Choral Benediction

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey S. O'Neill

Worship Leader: Elder Sam O'Neill

Choir Director: Chelsea Berner

Hand Bell Director: Heather Myer

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Guest Musician: Alisa Hickox, harp

Welcome!

We're glad you're here to worship God with us and to share in the fellowship of this church community. If you are looking for a church home, we would be honored to have you join us. Please speak to the Pastor or one of the Ushers following the service.

Nursery care is available for infants through age three from **9:15-11:45** each Sunday morning in our Nursery located in the **Christian Education Wing** on the **Lower Level**.

Church Hours

Monday through Thursday:

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Closed Fridays.



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Today at Eastminster

Greeters

Today: Allan & Elaine Cable & Suzi Moss

Oct. 8: Charlotte Altemeier & Charlotte Smith

Ushers

Head Usher: Heather Myer; Devan Stahl & Chris Wright

Flowers

The flowers today are given in loving memory of Suanne McBrien by her family.

Church Leadership

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey O'Neill	Interim Pastor
Dr. Fred Graham	Parish Advisor
Rev. Shirley Paxton	Parish Advisor
Neil Myer	Director of Discipleship
Sam O'Neill	Office Administrator
Tamar Mikeladze	Organist
Chelsea Berner	Adult Choir Director
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director
Nursery Attendant	Audri Bello
Nursery Attendant	Nino Napetvaridze

This Week at Eastminster

October 1- 8

TODAY, 10/1 World Communion

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Peace & Global Witness Offering	
Fellowship	11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, 10/2

Staff Meeting	9:00 a.m.
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TUESDAY, 10/3

Weekday Bible Study	1:00 p.m.
Hand Bells	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 10/4

Men's Bible Study	7:00 a.m.
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Hope Closet	10:00 a.m.
UKirk@MSU	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/5

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
Finance & Admin Team	9:30 a.m.
Choir	7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 10/6

Supper Club	6:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, 10/8

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

Cents-ability Offering

Fellowship	11:30 a.m.
CROP Walk	

AA: *Wed. & Thurs. 7 p.m.; Fri. 9:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.; Al-Anon: Thurs. 8:15 p.m.*



Director of Discipleship Neil Myer and the UKirk at MSU campus ministry are leading worship at First Presbyterian Church in Holt.



Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.

THE OPEN DOOR for all ages

This fall, *open the door* to creativity, *open the door* to deepening relationships with God and one another, *open the door* to using your gifts, *open the door* to faith formation through energy, intelligence, imagination and love. Upper elementary, middle school, high school and adults of all ages are invited to join us for this interactive time of faith formation Sunday mornings. Arrive

early and join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Open Door Café located on the Lower Level off Fellowship Hall for coffee, tea, juice and yummy baked goods! Our weekly adventures will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the “open doors” of Fellowship Hall. Join us as we open the door to possibilities!

ADULT EDUCATION



**Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
Green Room**

The events in Charlottesville, VA showed the world a dark and chilling side of America and exposed the undercurrent of hatred and fear that runs through our society. In Adult Education, we hope to highlight some issues and address some questions that rose out of this encounter. Please bring an open mind and an open heart as we delve into some uncomfortable territory. We will use TED Talks as the basis for discussions.

Oct 1 - “How to Talk about Race” video & discussion, TEDxBloomington: Eric Deggans: Despite having elected a black president, says Eric Deggans, the conversation about race in America is just beginning — but it's vital that we not shy away from it. Deggans, TV/Media Critic for the Tampa Bay Times, also provides freelance commentaries on television for National Public Radio and writes on sports media issues for the National Sports Journalism Center at Indiana University.

Oct 8 - “What Does God Require of Us?” - Rev. Jeff O’Neill will present a theological perspective on race and community.



Supper Club
Friday, October 6
@ 6:00 p.m.

Join us on Friday for a gathering of good food & fellowship. This month our hosts are **Dave & Mary Ann Merchant**. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Tea and coffee provided. Come enjoy a casual potluck meal in the Green Room. All are welcome.

Eastminster Page Turners



All are welcome to join EPC's book club that meets once a month in the Green Room to discuss a book that members have read prior to the meeting. The selections are varied and interesting! We hope you'll join us!

Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m. - *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simson. A fictional story of a genetic physicist with Asperger's syndrome who, after a series of disastrous dates, develops a questionnaire to find a potential wife (the "Wife Project") with the help of his polar-opposite grad assistant Rosie. The story is respectfully humorous and touching and provides insight into the social challenges faced by those with Asperger's.



**Church Women
United
Of Greater
Lansing**
Monday, October 9
1:00 p.m.

St. David's Episcopal Church
 1515 Elmwood Road
 Lansing, MI
 Theme: "Harvest Theme"
 Speaker: Beth Young, Loaves & Fishes
 Slate of Officers Presented
 Draft 2018 Budget
 Questions? Contact Jan Ewing or Maxine Cleary
 Website: www.churchwomen.org



**PRESBYTERIAN
 DISASTER
 ASSISTANCE**
 OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

**HURRICANE
 RELIEF** For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts,

gifts can be designated to **DR000169-Harvey** or to **DR000194-Irma**.

If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700. You may also call us Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone. For updates, please go to pda.pcusa.org.



Greater Lansing CROP Walk
Sunday, October 8

Location:

Lansing Magnet STEM Academy
 2600 Hampden Dr.
 Lansing, MI 48911

Registration: 1:00 p.m.

Walk: 2:00 p.m.

Walk Distance: 10K

Seven local agencies: Advent House Ministries, Greater Lansing Food Bank, Sparrow Clinton Hospital Foundation, The Garden Project, South Lansing Ministries, Southside Community Kitchen, and Volunteers of America. CROP Rock! - Rocking chairs available at STEM Academy and Grace United Methodist for those unable to do the Walk. Today is the last Sunday to make a donation.





PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

September 4 – October 1

**Eastminster will collect and dedicate the offering
this morning.**

As millions flee violence and persecution in South Sudan, they and others are striving for peace in villages, refugee camps, and at the highest levels of power. Give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering to support those working to share the dream of peace, and reconciliation around the world, as proclaimed by the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Envelopes are in the pews.



Charlie Zahm in Concert
Saturday, October 28 @ 7:00 p.m.
Firster Presbyterian Church—Holt
2021 N. Aurelius Rd.

**A UKirk at MSU Presbyterian Campus
Ministry Fundraiser**

UKirk at MSU is pleased to welcome **Charlie Zahm** for a concert on Saturday, October 28, 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Holt. Charlie Zahm is one of the most popular soloists at Celtic music festivals anywhere east of the Mississippi. With a baritone voice some have described as "coming along once in a generation," Charlie has become one of the most successful performers on the Celtic festival circuit, weaving magical moments of Scottish and Irish history for the listener and viewer, with passion for the performance and a chosen repertoire pleasing to all members of the family. A master of the guitar as well, Charlie brings an authentic love and respect for the music he sings-and with dashes of humor and a light in his eyes, he will draw you into the stories of his songs! Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. All ticket sales go directly to support UKirk at MSU Presbyterian Campus Ministry! See Neil Myer or UKirk board member Jim Robertson for tickets starting September 1.



DO JUSTICE ... LOVE KINDNESS ... WALK HUMBLY
with your God.

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Eastminster Presbyterian Church
Mercy, Peace, and Justice Vision Statement
Adopted by Session June 14, 2017

We believe we are called as a church of Jesus Christ to promote compassion, peace, and social justice by seeking to understand and actively bear witness against discrimination, suffering, pain, and social and economic injustices throughout the world and in our own community. Silence, avoidance, and inaction are not options for us as Christians who profess that we believe in being disciples of Christ. We believe as a congregation we can help shape a future for people of all races, ethnicities, and national origins by

1. Educating ourselves and others to be mindful of injustices;
2. Identifying existing and developing programs that address discrimination, suffering, pain, and social and economic injustices;
3. Walking humbly together along the path of active participation in these programs;
4. Coordinating our efforts within our church to educate and involve people of all ages and abilities.

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Mandy Augenstein
Bill Cleary
Heather Sturr

*Names to be included on the prayer list can be suggested to Rev. O'Neill
or the Church Office.*

Eastminster Church Officers

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Eastminster Mission Statement

We, the members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church,
celebrate the grace of God and the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.

We believe we are called as God's children to:

Praise and worship God;

Nurture and support spiritual growth as a family of faith;

Promote an open and welcoming community;

Reach out to the world with compassion;
and seek God's justice.

We strive to develop and use our Spirit-given gifts
to share our faith in word and deed
as disciples who serve the Lord Jesus Christ
according to the will of God.

Adopted by the Session in 1999. Revised in 2011.

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