



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
July 9, 2017



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2017

10:00 a.m.

** Congregation is invited to stand.*

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Cents-ability Offering

Prelude

Silent Meditation

"The universe consists of a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects."

Thomas Berry

Call to Worship

Grace to you, and peace, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

To declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night.

May our lives praise you, O Lord.

In our work and play,

In our hopes and dreams,

May everything we do praise you, O God!

*** Hymn #39**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

SERVICE OF CONTRITION

***Prayer of Confession**

***Silent Prayer**

***Common Prayer**

(John Baillie, 1886-1960)

Almighty God, Spirit of purity and grace, in asking thy forgiveness I cannot claim a right to be forgiven, but only

cast myself upon thine unbounded love.

I can plead no merit or desert;

I can plead no extenuating circumstances;

I cannot plead the frailty of my nature;

I cannot plead the force of the temptations

I encounter;

*I cannot plead the persuasions of others who led me
astray;*

*I can only say, "For the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son,
my Lord."*

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Response**

[Nettleton, 475]

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to
be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering
heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to
leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal
it; seal it for thy courts above.*

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

*Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of
wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see
the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may
clearly understand and freely choose the way of your
wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Scripture in Dialogue

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

New Revised Standard Version / The Message

Sermon

"The Unforced Rhythms of Grace"

Response to the Word #316 [remain seated]

Where Charity and Love Prevail

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Minute for Ministry Pastor Nominating Committee

Presenting Our Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

We respond in gratitude, O God, for the gifts of life, the blessings of hope, the joy of earth's beauty, and the community of Christ's church. Make clear your holy purposes in us. May these offerings grow by the power of your Spirit to accomplish your will in the world. Amen.

A Service of Commissioning Montreat Youth Conference
Fletcher Wyble

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation / Prayers of Intercession / The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn #65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*Benediction

*Congregational Response #765

May the God of Hope Go with Us

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

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

Worship Leader: Elder Barbara Stowitts

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Minute for Ministry: Elder Mary Lou Clifton

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 **9:45-11:15** each Sunday morning in our Nursery located in the **Christian Education Wing** on the **Lower Level**.

Worship activity bags are available outside the Sanctuary doors for children to use in worship. Please take home your child's artwork, etc. and return the bags after the service, so new materials can be added. The worship service may be heard in the Green Room directly across from the Sanctuary. This is a comfortable spot for adults and children to sit, if needed.

Worship Aids

Large print bulletins and hearing assistance units are available upon request. Please see an Usher.

Church Hours

Monday through Thursday:

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



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Today at Eastminster

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

This Week at Eastminster

July 9 - 16

TODAY, 7/9

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Cents-ability Offering

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 7/10

Young Adult Trivia Night 7:30 p.m.

(Reno's North is located at 16460 Old US 27)

TUESDAY, 7/11



Team Trivia Night

7:00 p.m.

Zoobie's Old

Town Tavern

WEDNESDAY, 7/12

THURSDAY, 7/14

Cultured Purls 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 7/16

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:15 a.m.

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



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 The Marquette
 5968 Park Lake Rd.
 Apt. 322
 East Lansing, MI 48823

private bathrooms. Check out the website:
www.howellnaturecenter.org



SUMMER

Advent House



CAMP

North Westminster Presbyterian Church is trying to send as many Advent House

children to Camp Greenwood as possible. If you are interested in supporting this mission project, please send a check made payable to North Westminster and mark it "Camp Greenwood."

North Westminster Church

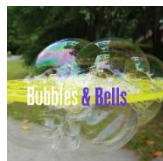
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 Lansing, MI 48915

**Tuesday, July 11 @ 7:00 p.m.
 Team Trivia Night at Zoobie's Old Town Tavern**

Join us at Zoobie's, 611 Grand River in Lansing, for a fun evening of team trivia. We'll pick teams from all who show up, and enjoy food and drink with a live-hosted trivia game. No reservations, just come over to Old Town! See you there!

Wednesday, July 26 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Bubbles & Bells
 All Ages**



Join Eastminster

members for a free carillon concert at Beaumont Tower on the campus of MSU. Bring a blanket or folding chairs, pack some food and/or drink and come hear the wonderful bells and enjoy the company of your Eastminster family. When you arrive, look for Neil Myer and his family. We'll be where the kids can enjoy blowing bubbles and being kids. Bubbles provided. No reservations, just show up!



**FRI 9/8 THRU SUN. 9/10
 FAMILY CAMP
 WELLS & WALLS:
 LIVING WATERS AND
 BREAKING BARRIERS**

Based on John 12:1-42

The Samaritan Woman at the Well

Family Camp will be at Howell Nature Center the weekend after Labor Day. We'll have time for spiritual reflection, Bible study, swimming, boating, hiking, scavenger hunt, games, and a cookout on Saturday night with s'mores. All meals are included. The accommodations are comfortable for folks of all ages in private rooms, ADA rooms available, and include



**Friday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.
Baseball Family Faith Night
Lugnuts Stadium**

Join Eastminster and several other area churches for a **Lugnuts** game on Friday, August 18th at 7 p.m. Family Faith Night acknowledges and celebrates local churches in the surrounding area on the field with a pre-game Faith All Star lineup. With faith themed music and a fun, safe environment Family Faith Night provides a great opportunity for church members to join in fellowship and meet others in faith while watching a Lugnuts game. Special bonus: seniors 55+ eat free and there is a fireworks display after the game! **Tickets are \$11 and must be purchased in advance, deadline is July 23. Make checks payable to Eastminster.** Contact Ann Bloxom at annbloxom@hotmail.com or Beverly Bonning at beverly.j.bonning@gmail.com to purchase a ticket.

LOCAL MISSION

JULY & AUGUST

July & August are
Clothe a Child for
School Months!



All children's clothing sizes 4T to teens is helpful, but especially needed are:

- New socks & underwear, all sizes 4T - adults

School uniform items:

- Khaki, navy or black pants
- White button-down shirts
- White & colored polo shirts
- Blue, black & white sweaters

2nd Qtr. Giving statements are in the Narthex. Picking yours up now will save the church postage. Thanks!



In World War II, bombs destroyed a church in Strasbourg, France. As parishioners cleared the rubble, they discovered a statue of Jesus that was now missing both hands.

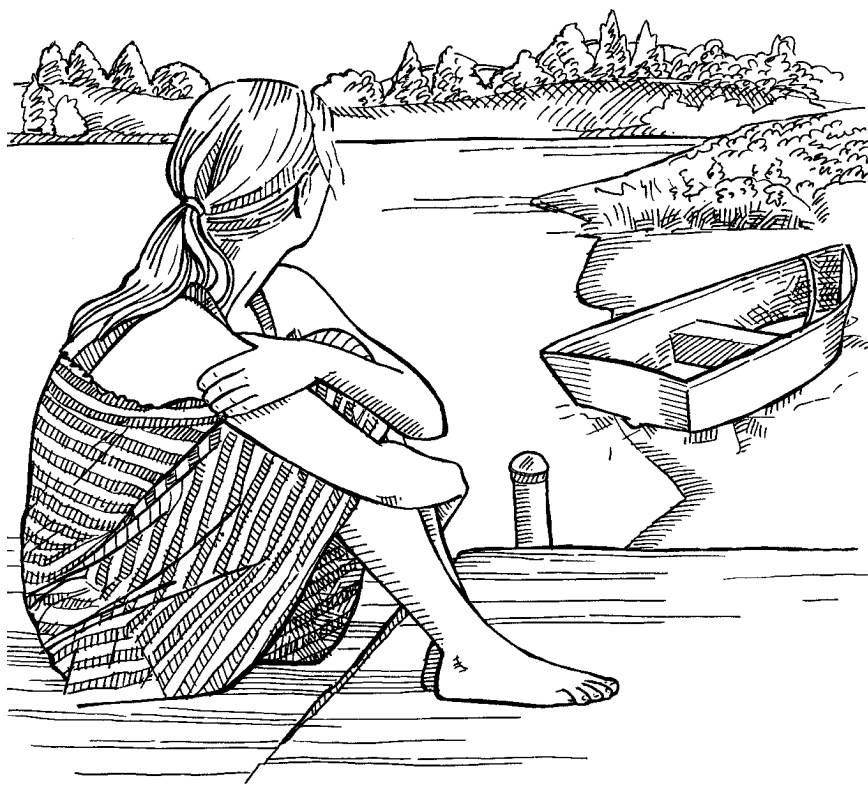
A visiting sculptor later offered to make repairs, but church members declined, saying Christ “has no hands to minister to the needy or feed the hungry or enrich the poor — except our hands. He inspires. We perform.”

St. Teresa of Avila wrote:

*Christ has no body but yours;
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he
looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he
walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he
blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the
feet, yours are the eyes, you are his
body.
Christ has no body now but yours.*

Come to me,
all you that are weary...
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28, NRSV





“Wells & Walls”

John 4:1-42



**LIVING WATERS AND
BREAKING BARRIERS**

**Family Camp
September 8-10
Howell Nature Center
Fri. 6:00 p.m. to
Sunday 1:00 p.m.
5 meals & lodging**

REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY CAMP

Children: to age 3	FREE	Please fill out and return to the Church Office with your deposit check.
Children: ages 4-10	\$50.00	
All others	\$85.00	

Children must be accompanied by adults.

Name(s): _____

Total Number Attending _____

How Many	Cost each	Total:
_____ Adults	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____ Children 4-10	\$ _____	\$ _____
_____ Children Age 3 & under	\$ _____ FREE _____	\$ _____ FREE _____
Total Amount Due		\$ _____

Any dietary restrictions?

(Vegetarian options are available with advance notice.)

**A non-refundable fee of \$50.00 is due with your registration.
Balance is due by Sept. 1.** Please make checks payable to:
Eastminster Presbyterian Church and note “Family Camp”.

Scholarships Available! Contact Sam O’Neill.

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Mandy Augenstein

Pat Hagan

Judy Jones

John Smalley

If you wish to be included in this printed prayer list, please speak to Rev. O'Neill

Eastminster Church Officers

Elders

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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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