



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
May 13, 2018

As you
SENT ME
into the world,



so I have
SENT THEM
into the world.



John 17:18, ESV

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

10:30 a.m.

** Congregation is invited to stand.*

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements *(Please sign the friendship pads)*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Cents-ability Offering

Prelude *The entry of the light.*

Silent Meditation

Introit *To God Be the Glory*

Call to Worship

We gather to hear the call of Jesus in our lives.

We come to challenge and support one another.

We gather to learn what it means to be the people of God.

We come, seeking to be moved, changed, made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

Let us open our hearts to the movement of the Spirit,

and lift our voices together as the people of God.

***Hymn #612** *We Praise You, O God*

SERVICE OF CONTRITION

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. You invite us to share in Christ's ministry, but we ignore the calling of our baptism. You allow us to share in Christ's own life, but we fail to believe this good news. Forgive us, God of grace. Protect us, for we

belong to you. Sanctify us in your truth that our hope and joy may be complete; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Silent Prayer**

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response [#245]**

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Anthem

E'en So, Lord, Quickly Come

Manz

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

John 17:6-19

(Pew Bible, page 105 – NT)

Children's Message

Readings from Scripture

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

(Pew Bible, page 110 – NT)

Sermon

“The Business of the Church”

Response to the Word #761 [remain seated]

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Minute for Mission

Pentecost Offering

Reception of New Members

Presentation

*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Welcome and Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

Presenting Our Gifts

Offertory

As the Wind

*Doxology[#609]

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
 high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
 God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
 one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Prayer of Dedication

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 #308 *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response #295 *Go to the World!*

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Sam O'Neill

Choir Director: Chelsea Berner

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

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

Mon-Thurs., 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Closed Friday.

Please note: For security purposes, on Sunday mornings the West and Front doors will be locked once the service

begins. An usher will be stationed in the Narthex to admit later arrivals.



Follow Eastminster on Facebook. We are under **Eastminster Presbyterian Church East Lansing.**

Wi-fi network: Guest
Password: *WelcomeGuest*

Today at Eastminster

Greeters

Today: Donnie & Sharon Reinhard and Bob Klein

Next Sunday: Tom & Linda Hardenbergh

Ushers

Head usher, Heather Myer; Jim Artabasy & Susan Smalley

Flowers

The flowers today are given in recognition of Chelsea Berner for her outstanding job as our choir director.

Church Leadership

Rev. Kristin Stroble	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

The pastor's email address is:
revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org



Suzanne Hunt
Letter of Transfer
Nassau Presbyterian Church
Princeton, NJ

Megan Jones
Reaffirmation of Faith

Mike Jones
Letter of Transfer
First Presbyterian Church of
Dearborn, MI

This Week at Eastminster

May 13 - 20

TODAY, 5/13

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Cents-ability Offering	
Children's Worship	
Farewell Reception for Choir Director	11:30 a.m.
Photo Directory Sign-up	11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, 5/14

Staff Meeting	1:00 p.m.
Christian Education Team	4:00 p.m.
Young Adult Gathering (Reno's)	7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 5/15

Presbyterian Women	11:30 a.m.
Bells	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 5/16

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Flicks with Friends	

THURSDAY, 5/17

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
Creative Movement	3:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, 5/20 Pentecost

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.
Birthday Fellowship	11:30 a.m.
Photo Directory Sign-up	11:30 a.m.
Day of Service (Haven House)	1:00 p.m.

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



CE Director Neil Myer will be out of the office
Wednesday &

Thursday, 5/16 & 17.



You Are Invited!

Today we will honor our **Choir Director Chelsea Berner** during fellowship after worship. Chelsea has finished her studies at MSU and will be leaving the area to seek other challenges.



Today during worship, we will be taking a special offering for the Musician's Fund in gratitude to Chelsea Berner for her work as our Choir Director. The Musician's Fund has enabled us this semester to bring in students to sing in the choir. It is also used to hire instrumentalists to enhance our worship service. Yellow envelopes are on the fellowship pads. Thank you for your generosity.



Presbyterian Women Bible Study

**Tuesday, May 15
11:30 a.m.**

The EPC PW will meet on **Tuesday, May 15 at 11:30 AM** in the EPC Green Room. We will study Lesson 9 of *Cloud of Witnesses*, "The Community with All the Saints." Please pre-read the lesson and associated scriptures. Please bring a sandwich, quartered, to share at lunch. Salads, drinks and dessert will be provided.

At 11:15 a.m., the Circle members will gather for the annual EPC PW meeting which will begin at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will begin at 12:00 noon with the Reverend Kristin

Stroble leading the final study of 2017-2018, at 1:15 p.m.

Please have any PW questions/concerns to Suzi Moss by May 10 so they can be addressed at the Annual Meeting. 2018 Budget issues will also be discussed at the meeting.

**There will be no Circle meetings in June, July or August 2018.
HAVE A SAFE, HEALTHY & FUN SUMMER!**

2018 Birthday Offering

Envelopes will be available at the May meeting—all donations are due by May 15, 2018. This offering will fund mission projects that improve the lives of women and children around the world.



Flicks with Friends Wed., May 16

Our movie and lunch group meets on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month. **All persons are invited.** The movie is picked the weekend before and by what is playing the afternoon of that day. An email list has been formed to notify persons who are interested. Let Barb Stowitts know if you would like to be included on the movie email list (barbstow@yahoo.com).



May 20 after Worship

You are invited to an Eastminster Pentecost Party! We will celebrate the birth of the church, and the birth of each and every one of us during a special all church fellowship gathering on Sunday, May 20 immediately following worship.

There will be cake! We invite everyone to wear red (the liturgical color of the day) for worship and the party. There will be no regular 9:30 classes that day.



Day of Service –

Next Sunday, May 20, 1:00 p.m.

The Mission Team will be offering one-day opportunities for service on a quarterly basis. On May 20 all are welcome to come to **Haven House** (121 Whitehills Dr., just south of Post Office) at 1:30 p.m. to clean out flower beds in anticipation of planting being done in early June. Wear your gardening clothes and bring your tools! There is a sign-up sheet in the Green Room. Questions? Contact Estelle McGroarty.

Haven House provides emergency housing and support services for one-parent and two-parent families with children. The shelter helps families who are homeless prepare for permanent housing by developing and promoting self-sufficiency, stability, and financial responsibility.



Think Inside the Box!

Help a refugee youth start the journey to independence!

Samaritas, a social ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), serves unaccompanied minor refugee youth by finding them foster families when they arrive in the U.S. When they

reach 18, and age out of the foster-care system, Samaritas provides “Independent Living Transition Boxes” so these young people can begin their new lives in their own places with a bit of a head start.

The Mission Team would like to make this an all-church project by creating at least two transitional “boxes” (one male, one female) for these young people. There will be a sign-up sheet for individual items – subscribe to one, two or more items, this is a project that fits every budget! Contacts: Robin Bell, Jan Coye, Estelle McGroarty or Sam O’Neill.



Elders and Program Leaders:

Your program-area reports for the program year 2017-18 are due **June 3, 2018**. Please submit your reports to the church office electronically in a Word document. Any questions, please contact Sam.

Summer



WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Worship moves to

10:00 a.m.

Memorial Day Weekend



THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal Candle is lit for the first time on Easter and every Sunday during the Great Fifty Days of Easter. It symbolizes both the pillar of fire that led Israel by night and the risen Lord who stands among us at Easter.

The candle's name comes from the word 'Pascha,' the English transliteration of both the Greek and Hebrew words for "Passover," the central festival for Jews. Early Christians appropriated this term for Easter Sunday, our annual celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ. For Christians, Easter signifies the great deliverance accomplished in the Lord's new Passover when God raised Jesus from the dead.

Easter has been the most important service of the Christian year since at least the second century. It is the central event, the time of transformation, of becoming a resurrected people, God's new people. On this Sunday of all Sundays we celebrate our transformation as a new people.

Throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter, from Easter Sunday through Pentecost, we remember Christ's rising from the tomb, his post-resurrection appearances, his ascension, and the promised outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The light of Christ! Thanks be to God!



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

Young Adult Volunteers
Ministries for Youth
Children-at-Risk

**We will receive the
Pentecost Offering on May 20.
Envelopes are in the pews.**

**IT'S TIME FOR A NEW
PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!**

PHOTOGRAPHY DATES:

Thu, June 21, 2pm-8:30pm

Friday, June 22, 2pm-8:30pm

Saturday, June 23, 9:30am-4:30pm

Tuesday, June 26, 2pm-8:30pm

WHERE: Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Sign-up at church beginning Sunday, May 13 after worship

OR

You can go online to our website: www.eastminsterchurch.org

ALL HOUSEHOLDS THAT PARTICIPATE RECEIVE:

- A Complimentary 8 x 10 Portrait & Directory
- Invite Extended Family: Generational Portrait
- Bring your Pets and/or meaningful items

We need everyone to participate.

There is no cost to our church.

Opportunity to purchase portraits for personal use and gift giving; however, you are not obligated to do so.

See the portrait guide for additional options Lifetouch offers!

Contacts: Beverly Bonning, Heather Myer, & Sam O'Neill

**DON'T
MISS OUT!
SIGN UP!**



Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Mandy Augenstein
Tom Moss
Nancy Robertson and John, Penny & Reid Haddick

Names to be included on the prayer list can be suggested to Rev. Stroble.

Eastminster Church Officers

Elders

Class of 2018

Ruth Foster
Terry Graham
Sam O'Neill
Susan Smalley

Class of 2019

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Norm Mackay
Brenda Ramsby
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Robin Bell
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Dave Duryea
Mike Foster

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Barbara Moss
Tom Moss

Class of 2019

Sherri Blanchard
Sue Kalvonjian
Heather Myer
John Temples

Class of 2020

Heather Heitman

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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