



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
September 16, 2018

**LOVE**  
*the Lord your God*  
*with all your*  
**HEART**  
*and with all your*  
**SOUL**  
*and with all your*  
**STRENGTH**  
*and with all your*  
**MIND...**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2018

10:00 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.*

### **Prelude**

*The entry of the light.*

### **Call to Worship**

What does the Lord require of you?

*To do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with our God.*

What does God command of us?

*To love God with all our heart, and all our soul,  
and all our mind, and all our strength,  
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.*

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

*But to presence and abundance,  
and grace in the struggle.*

Let us worship the God who believes in us,  
trusts in us, and abides with us.

*Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,  
but will be beside us every step of the way.*

**\*Hymn #35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

### **\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession** *from Thom Shuman*

*We are hesitant to confess, Holy God,  
how hard it is to love as you wish.*

*It is easy to love you with all that we are,*

*except when you ask us to love our neighbor  
with all that we have.*

*We find it hard to love our neighbor,  
when it is linked to the way we love ourselves.  
And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—  
more than we love ourselves.*

*Forgive us, Love Eternal.*

*As you took a risk in creating us,  
help us to take risks to love others compassionately,  
to love ourselves genuinely,  
and to love you as completely as you love us  
in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.*

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Declaration of God's Grace**

**\*Congregational Response [Love the Lord Your God #62]**

Capo 4: (C) (G) (F) (C)  
E B A E

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

(C) (G) (F) (C)  
E B A E

Love the Lord your God with all your soul.

A F#m7 G#m7 C#m7 F#m7 B E

Love the Lord your God with all your mind.

(F) (Dm7) (Em7) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)  
A F#m7 G#m7 C#m7 A B E

Love the Lord your God with all that you are.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Children's Sermon**

**Mission Spotlight**

Crop Walk

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading from Scripture**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

*(Pew Bible, page 157 - OT)*

**Anthem**

*Near to the Heart of God*

arr. Larson

**Reading from Scripture**

Luke 10:25-37

*(Pew Bible, page 67 - NT)*

**Sermon**

Who is My Neighbor?

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**\*Affirmation of Faith** from the Confession of 1967

*God's sovereign love is a mystery*

*beyond the reach of the human mind.*

*Human thought ascribes to God superlatives  
of power, wisdom, and goodness.*

*But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ  
by showing power in the form of a servant,  
wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.*

*The power of God's love in Christ to transform  
the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and  
Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of  
God's love.*

**\*Hymn #63** *The Lord is God*

**Presenting Our Gifts**

Offertory

\*Doxology[#694]

AURELIA

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care,  
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

**\*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 #733**

*We All Are One in Mission*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Brenda Ramsby

Children's Message: Robin Bell

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

**New Here?** Thank you for joining us as we worship God this morning. Information about our church is available in the narthex, including our weekly email. We invite you to sign in on the pew pads found at the end of the pew, so we can greet you by name. There are also prayer cards (found on the pew pads), if you'd like to have a prayer request announced during the service. You can fill out the card and place it in the plate during the collection of the offering. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship, in the space we call the Green Room, which is across from the sanctuary. After fellowship we have a variety of classes for all ages that you are welcome to join.

**Children and Worship:** Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Children's bulletins can be found outside the sanctuary doors as well as activity bags, which they can use during the service. We have created a space for children at the front of the sanctuary. Your child is welcome to use that space or remain in the pews with you. After the Children's Message children age 4-grade 2 are invited to go with their greeter/leader to our Children's Ministry Center for a worship experience designed for that age group. Children of all ages also have the option to remain in the sanctuary during the entire service.

**Today at Eastminster**

**Ushers**

Head Usher: Linda Hardenbergh, Jan Coye, Irv Nichols

**Greeters**

Jean Grimm, Terry Graham

**Flowers**

The flowers today are given in memory of Bob Dustan from his family.

**Church Leadership**

Rev. Kristin Stroble	Pastor
Dr. Fred Graham	Parish Advisor
Rev. Shirley Paxton	Parish Advisor
Neil Myer	Director of Discipleship
Bridgette Redman	Office Administrator
Jadrian Tarver	Choir Director
Tamar Mikeladze	Organist
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director
Laurin Schulz	Nursery Attendant
Emma Giles	Nursery Attendant

**This Week at Eastminster**

*September 16 – September 23*

**TODAY, 9/16**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
MORE	11:15 a.m.

AFAR Forum 3:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, 9/17**

Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.

**TUESDAY, 9/18**

Weekly Bible Study 1:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women 2:00 p.m.

Website Meeting 3:00 p.m.

20s and 30s Gathering 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, 9/19**

Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

UKirk 7:30 p.m.

Trivia at Reno's East 8:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, 9/20**

Cultured Purls 9:00 a.m.

Bell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, 9/21**

Presbytery Retreat All Day

**SATURDAY, 9/22**

Presbytery Retreat All day

**SUNDAY, 9/23**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MORE 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.*



## AFAR Forum at Eastminster

This Sunday, the Greater Lansing

United Nations Association will gather at Eastminster to hold an All Faith Alliance for Refugees Forum at 3 p.m. This forum will give an update on how refugee families are faring and what we can do to help.



The All Faith Alliance for Refugees (AFAR) is a local interfaith clergy group that offers programs in East Lansing to promote the understanding of Islam and Judaism. It meets monthly and has sponsored such events as prayer vigils, a pilgrimage, and interfaith services.

The forum is part of PeaceQuest 2018, a month-long celebration of the International Day of Peace with free events happening every day.



### Weekly Bible Studies

Our weekly Bible studies, led by Pastor Kristin will be starting back up again this Fall. We study the scripture passages that will be used in worship the following Sunday. You are welcome to join us:

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. - Open to all

Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

### September Mission Project

Every month at Eastminster we collect items to support the needs of our Christian Service mission partners for their various ministry projects. These range from providing diapers & formula to children's school and winter clothing, from books for children to books for prisoners, and from gift cards to food baskets. Please give as you are able, no donation is too small. Items are collected on the ledge in the Green Room. If you would like to give money instead of making these purchases, please leave a check marked "Monthly Mission" either in the Church Office, or place in the lockbox outside the Office. Your donations are tax deductible.

**SEPTEMBER – Winter Coats** This month we will collect new or gently-used coats, sizes infants/children/teens/adults. It is important that coats are clean, good condition, with **working** zippers!

### CROP WALK



This year, the Greater Lansing CROP walk will be held on October 14, with registration at 1:00 p.m. For 2018, it is a 3-mile walk beginning at Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Blvd. in Lansing. Eastminster has a long

tradition of participating in this event. If you would like to walk on the Eastminster Team, please contact Mary Harvey.

### **Where do CROP Hunger Walk funds go?**

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall work of Church World Service, particularly grassroots development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community.

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools to wells and water systems, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs - something CWS has learned through 70 years of working in partnership around the world.

### **Are you an Amazon.com shopper?**

### **Use Amazon Smile and raise funds for Church World Service.**



Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The

difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the

purchase price of eligible products to Church World Service. Just go to [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) to shop, and you'll also be helping CWS!

Every item available for purchase on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) is also available on AmazonSmile at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

Start your Amazon shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to shop and help support CWS.



### **EPC PW Meets Sept. 18**

The Eastminster Presbyterian Church (EPC) Presbyterian Women (PW) will be gathering at **2:00 – 3:00 PM** on the third Tuesday of each month (September – May) in the Green Room following Rev. Kristin's Bible Study Class. This will begin on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the new gathering format or other EPC PW issues, please contact Suzi Moss at [s.r.moss@outlook.com](mailto:s.r.moss@outlook.com) or 517.974.3129.

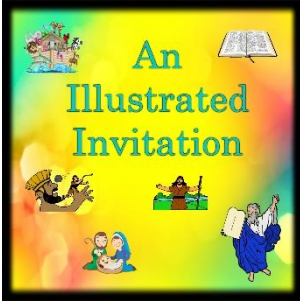
**Trivia Night at Reno's East at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.** Join church members for a night of trivia and fellowship at Reno's every Wednesday.



## **MORE starts this week!**

Come join us for the Christian Education kick-off. There are four classes to choose from that take place immediately following the post-worship fellowship time.

***An Illustrated Invitation:*** This class is for preschoolers through fifth grade. It highlights biblical stories of joining God at work in the world from Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament. It is designed to draw children into conversation with biblical stories, showing them what God is doing, and inviting them to consider how to join in that work.



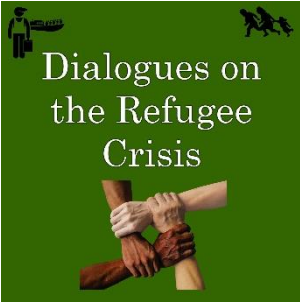
The class launches with a lesson about Abram and Sarai and how God calls them to leave their home with a promise about their future that is connected to the stars.



***Faith 101: Big God, Big Questions:*** The first semester of our confirmation series will cover a 101 introduction on the topics of Baptism, Bible, Confessions, Jesus Christ, The Lord's Supper, Presbyterian Polity, The Presbyterians, and Worship. This opportunity is for youth going through the confirmation process as well as open to all middle and high school youth, college students, parents, confirmation mentors, or those who want or need an introduction or refresher course.

This week's class will introduce the curriculum and talk about the topics that will be covered throughout the year. Students will be invited to share what their big questions are about God, faith, the Bible, and the church.

**Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis:** Faith is not only *believing* in God, but *doing* the work of God in the world. In a time of conflict, division and



disagreement, we need tools we can use to build bridges with others and to get beyond explosive arguing. This fall Eastminster will foster a continuing group dialogue about the global refugee situation. Our goal will be to engage deeply with one another, supported by well-documented information from 1) short pre-session "homework" readings from the participants' book, and 2) brief videos shown during the meeting sessions.

This week, participants will receive a copy of *Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis*, a book of short readings that will help to guide our discussion. We'll discuss our hopes and expectations for our continuing discussion, develop guidelines about how we want to talk with each other and solve any problems that may arise and get our first reading assignment.



**Sermon Discussion:** A facilitated discussion of that morning's sermon. What did you hear? What was a new insight? What stood out? What inspired you? What challenged you? What did you agree with? What did you take issue with? What are you still pondering? What now? This discussion is open to anyone who might find it

meaningful.

This week's discussion will continue to reflect on the Parable of the Good Samaritan found in Luke 10.



# PeaceQuest 2018

Celebrating International Day of Peace  
The Entire Month of September

Sept. **All Month**  
**1-30** **FREE**  
**Peace Pole Pursuit**  
All Month, All ages,  
All over the Greater  
Lansing Area!

Sept. **All Month** **FREE**  
**4-27** M-Th & Sun. 9am-3pm  
**PeaceQuest Art  
Challenge Exhibit**  
Displaced Children and Stolen Hopes  
Sept. 4-13 Okemos Community Church  
4734 Okemos Rd., Okemos  
Sept. 14-27 Edgewood United Church,  
469 N. Hagadorn Rd., E. Lansing

Sept. **Saturday** **FREE**  
**8** **12 - 9 pm**  
**Lansing Harmony  
Celebration**  
Bringing positive energy to  
celebrate our city's diverse  
cultures.  
Benjamin Davis Park  
5500 Pleasant Grove Rd., Lansing, MI

Sept. **Wednesday** **FREE**  
**12** **7 - 8 pm**  
**Solarize Michigan  
Workshop**  
Edgewood United Church of Christ,  
469 N. Hagadorn, East Lansing, MI

Sept. **Sunday** **FREE**  
**16** **3 pm**  
**All Faith Alliance for  
Refugees Forum**  
Update on Refugees &  
Immigration  
Eastminster Presbyterian Church  
1315 Abbot Rd., E. Lansing, MI

Sept. **Sunday** **FREE**  
**16** **2 - 5 pm**  
**Singing in the Dark Times**  
Poetry Readings: Laura Apol  
and others  
Poetry Workshop, Open Mic, Singing  
SCENE Metrospace  
110 Charles St., East Lansing

Sept. **Tuesday** **FREE**  
**18** **7 - 8:30 pm**  
**Java Cafe' Global  
Conversation**  
An Agenda For Disarmament  
East Lansing Public Library,  
950 Abbot Road, East Lansing

Sept. **Thursday** **FREE**  
**20** **7 pm**  
**Voices from Faith and  
Reason: Race and Place**  
Speaker: Rev. Faith Fowler  
Lansing Central United  
Methodist Church

Sept. **Friday** **FREE**  
**21** **11 am - 2 pm**  
**Peace Day Rally**  
Stand Up for Peace  
Celebrate the International  
Day of Peace  
Michigan Capitol Front Steps

Sept. **Sunday** **DONATIONS**  
**23** **3 pm**  
**Concert Across America  
- to Raise Awareness on  
Gun Violence**  
Unitarian Universalist Church of  
Greater Lansing  
5509 S Pennsylvania, Lansing, MI

Sept. **Wednesday** **FREE**  
**26** **7 pm**  
**Panel Discussion**  
**What's New in Corrections?  
Drug, Sobriety, Veterans  
and Mental Health Courts**  
Edgewood United Church of Christ,  
469 N. Hagadorn, East Lansing, MI

Sept. **Thursday** **FREE**  
**27** **7 pm**  
**Movie Showing: Trails  
of Hope and Terror**  
Studio Cj  
Meridian Mall,  
1999 Central Park Dr,  
Okemos, MI 48864

Sept. **Thurs.-Fri.** **FREE**  
**27-28** Register  
**Conference on Campus  
Activism for Justice from  
Southern Africa to Michigan**  
Speakers: Dr. Somadoda Fikeni and  
Nomzamo Ntombela from South  
Africa, and many others.  
MSU Main Library

Sept. **Saturday** **FREE**  
**29** **1 - 3 pm**  
**Stories & Activities  
for Kids**  
Everybody Reads Bookstore,  
2019 E Michigan Ave,  
Lansing, MI

Sept. **Sunday** **FREE**  
**30** **2 - 4 pm**  
**PeaceQuest Art  
Contest Award  
Ceremony**  
Michigan State University,  
Erickson Hall Kiva,  
620 Farm Ln, E. Lansing, MI

**Stand Up for Peace**

MORE EVENTS AND DETAILS AT:  
[PeaceQuestGreaterLansing.org](http://PeaceQuestGreaterLansing.org)

**PeaceQuest Sponsors:** Greater Lansing United Nations Association, Peace Education Center,  
Niagara Foundation Michigan, Edgewood United Church, Shalom Center for Justice and Peace,  
Presbyterian Church of Okemos, LATTICE (Linking All Types of Teachers in Cross-Cultural Education),  
MSU African Studies Center, MSU Asian Studies Center, Greater Lansing Network Against War and Injustice

## Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Ross Lowes  
John & Penny Haddick  
Joe Walsh  
Blakely Lindemuler  
Dave Merchant II  
Jeri Augenstein

## Eastminster Church Officers

### Elders

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Brian Heitman  
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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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