



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
September 23, 2018



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ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 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

We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:

*where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.*

We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:

*where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.*

We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:

*where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.*

***Hymn #450**

Be Thou My Vision

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*Gracious God, we know your commandments,
we read your story,
we recite the Golden Rule.*

*Yet every day we ignore you,
every day we forget,
every day we need your forgiveness.*

We confess that we are not as perfect

as we would like to think.

We confess that we often act in ways contrary to your will.

Help us again to listen, to follow,

to love you with all that we are

and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

***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

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Anthem

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-45

(Pew Bible, pages 27-28 - NT)

Sermon

Don't Be a Goat

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.

God created human beings for relationship

that they may respond to the love of the Creator.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude

and a task to be pursued with courage.

People are free to seek life within the purpose of God:

*to develop and protect the resources of nature for the
common welfare,*

to work for justice and peace in society,

and in other ways to use their creative powers

for the fulfillment of human life.

***Hymn #186** *Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table*

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 #727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Susan Smalley

Children's Message: Beverly Bonning

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

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Fall Sermon Series

Sept. 16th	"Who is My Neighbor"	Luke 10:25-37
Sept. 23rd	"Don't Be a Goat"	Matthew 25:31-45
Sept. 30th	"Lessons from an Outsider"	Mark 7:24-30
Oct. 7th	"The Greatest Commandment"	Mark 12:28-34
Oct. 14th	"The Greatest Gift"	Mark 12:38-44
Oct. 21st	"A Community of Love"	Hebrews 10:11-25

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 friendship pads found at the end of the pew, so we can greet you by name. There are also prayer cards (found on the friendship 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: Cindy Mackay; Bob Nees,
Jeff Lapinski

Greeters

Ted and Pat Hagan, Sue Miller

Flowers

The flowers today are given in honor of
Dave Merchant's 88th birthday.

Church Leadership

Rev. Kristin Strobble	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 23 – September 30

TODAY, 9/23

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

MONDAY, 9/24

Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
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TUESDAY, 9/25

Weekly Bible Study	1:00 p.m.
UKirk Homekirkin	

WEDNESDAY, 9/26

Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.
Trivia at Reno's East	8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 9/27

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
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Mission Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Bell Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 9/30

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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.*

September Mission Project

Every month at Eastminster we collect items to support the needs of our Christian Service mission partners.

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.

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.



Registration is required. Each week will build on the previous one, so please commit to attending all four sessions. This will be facilitated by Rev. Liz Miller, pastor of Edgewood UCC in East Lansing.

Transportation Assistance

Could you use assistance in getting to Eastminster Church, either occasionally or on a regular basis? Would you be willing to provide someone with a ride to church either regularly or on occasion? Do you already provide transportation to church for someone or receive such service? I am the new Transportation



Coordinator and will connect people needing rides with those who are willing to provide that service. If you need or are willing to provide such service please contact me, Estelle McGroarty, by phone (landline: 668-1809 or cell: 643-0219), by leaving me a text message on my cell phone or leaving me a message in my mailbox by the church's office.

Join us for MORE!

There are four classes for all ages to choose from that take place immediately following the post-worship fellowship time.

An Illustrated Invitation: The class continues with a lesson about Hagar and Ishmael and how big God's love is for all of us and how he takes care of us when we are afraid.

Faith 101: Big God, Big Questions: This week's class focuses on the sacrament of baptism and what it means in the Presbyterian church.

Dialogues on the Refugee Crisis: Today, we'll explore some of the history – both our own family histories and the church's long history - of serving refugees in the U.S. and around the world.

Sermon Discussion: This week's discussion will reflect on the story of the sheep and the goats and how whenever we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, take care of the sick or visit those in prison, we are serving God.

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

Class of 2019

Brian Heitman
Norm Mackay
Brenda Ramsby
Barbara Stowitts

Class of 2020

Robin Bell
Beverly Bonning
Dave Duryea
Mike Foster

Class of 2021

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Class of 2021

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Suzanne Hunt

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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