



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
July 21, 2019

A Storybook Faith



Summer Sermon Series

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 21, 2019

10:00 a.m.

** Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.
Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.*

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

Call to Worship

by Thom Shuman

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 #372** *O For a World*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*Merciful God, we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.*

*The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.*

*We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.*

(Silent prayers of confession)

***Declaration of God's Grace**

God searches for the lost
and finds us.

God invites the hungry to the table
and feeds us.

God sends Jesus
and frees us from death's prison

God forgives all who sin
and heals us with mercy and grace.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Congregational Response [#582 Glory to God]**

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Story *Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey*
by Margriet Ruurs

Special Music *"My Tribute"*
Bob Walter

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46 *(Pew Bible, pages 27-28 - NT)*

Sermon *"Christ's Stepping Stones"*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #346 *For the Healing of the Nations*

Offering of Resources and Prayer

Financial offerings support the life and mission of Eastminster Presbyterian. If you have prayers to be shared during our prayers of the people, please place them in the offering plates.

Offertory

Doxology[#606 Old Hundredth]

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*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 #749** *Come! Live in the Light!*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema
Worship Leader: Elder Gary Blanchard
Children's Message: Elder Beverly Bonning
Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Barbara Edema to our church and pulpit. Barb has been a pastor for twenty-five years. She has served congregations in the RCA, UCC, and PC(USA). She is also the author of "The Pastor Maggie Series." She lives in Dewitt with her husband, Dr. Doug Edema and their four rescue cats.

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. Please join us for Coffee Fellowship after worship, in the space we call the Green Room, which is to the west of the sanctuary.



Prayer Cards are in the Friendship Pads, which are at the end of each pew. If you have a prayer request that you would like announced during the service, please write it on the prayer card and you can place it in the plate during the collection of the offering. The Pastor will read them (unless marked private) before the Pastoral Prayer.

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.



Today at Eastminster

Ushers

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian; George and Sue Miller

Greeters

Darlene Bullerdick, Ron Davis, Bruce Augenstein

Flowers

The flowers today are given by Dave and Mary Ann Merchant in honor of their daughter, Lisa's, birthday.

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble	Pastor
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Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director
Laurin Schulz	Nursery Attendant

This Week at Eastminster

July 21-July 28

TODAY, 7/21

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

WEDNESDAY, 7/24

Trivia at Reno's East	8:00 p.m.
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THURSDAY, 7/25

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, 7/28

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

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

Staff Out of Office

Rev. Kristin Stroble will be out of the office on vacation from July 17 to July 25.

Sunday's Sermon

Did you miss Sunday's sermon? Do you just want to hear it again? Audio recordings of Rev. Kristin's sermons

are now available on the website at www.eastminsterchurch.org.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Join your Eastminster friends at the Lansing Lugnuts game on Friday, Aug. 16 as our home team takes on the Fort

Wayne
TinCaps at
7:05 p.m.



Tickets are \$11 each and are **due today**. Make your checks payable to Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Pick up a ticket order form in the Green Room or contact Norm Mackay at normcyn1@gmail.com for more information.

There will be a pre-game Faith All-Star lineup before the game, fireworks after the game and a Delta Dental's Smile Shot Group Photo during the game along with a group raffle in which one member from our group will win a special prize.

Congratulations to our Trivia Team!

Our Trivia team has qualified for the area-wide tournament. Give them your best wishes as they head out Sunday, July 21. Six of the team members will be competing for the prize.

Do you want to play along? The tournament is closed, but all are welcome every Wednesday night at Reno's East at 8 p.m. Come join the fun!

Summer Sermon Series

July 28th:

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

August 4th:

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

August 11th:

The Wing by Ray Buckley

August 18th:

The Three Questions by Jon Muth

August 25th:

Butterflies Under Our Hats by Sandy

Eisenberg Sasso

September 1st:

Thank you, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco



Check out additional books on the same theme each week on the shelf in the Narthex. There will also be Facebook postings throughout the week about the book, its author, and activities you can do to deepen your understanding of it and the themes presented.



Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Becca Smith
Joe Walsh
Blakely Lindemuler

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

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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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