



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
September 1, 2019

## **A Storybook Faith**



**Summer Sermon Series**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 1, 2019

10:00 a.m.

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*\* 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**

Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

*Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.*

Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

*Blessed is God who reveals to us who we are  
and who we could be.*

Blessed is God whose compassion overflows to all.

*Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share,  
with those we know and those we do not know.*

**\*Hymn #307**     *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Compassionate God, our neighbor may not be the one beaten down or lying on the road, but there are people we pass by every day.*

*We pass by family and friends:*

*taking them for granted,  
unable to see how we have stripped them of our love  
and compassion.*

***We pass by neighbors:  
who have fallen into the hands of despair;  
who have been abandoned by all those who walk by  
without looking.***

***We pass by strangers:  
people we don't know but quickly judge  
those we call weak, or poor, or the enemy***

***Look with mercy on us, O God. Open our eyes so that we  
might see, our hearts so we might be moved with compassion,  
and our minds so we are spurred to action. Hear now our  
silent confessions.***

*(Silent prayers of confession)*

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

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

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

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

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

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**     *The Three Questions* by Jon J. Muth

**Special Music**     *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place*  
Ian Brinklow, Bass

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Reading from Scripture**

Luke 10:25-37     *(Pew Bible, page 67 - NT)*

**Sermon**

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn #771**     *What is the World Like*

**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 #203**    *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Guest Preacher: Elder Neil Myer

Worship Leader: Elder Sam O'Neill

Children's Message: Nathan Pence

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

*The Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted from liturgy written  
by Thom Shuman.*

**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: Bev Bonning; George and Sue Miller

### Greeters

Sulin Campbell and Sherri Blanchard

### Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

### Church Leadership and Staff

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

### This Week at Eastminster

*September 1 - September 8*

#### **TODAY, 9/1**

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

#### **MONDAY, 9/2**

OFFICE CLOSED

UKirk Manna	6:00 p.m.
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#### **WEDNESDAY, 9/4**

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

#### **THURSDAY, 9/5**

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
Bell Choir	6:00 p.m.
Choir	7:00 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, 9/8, Communion and Cents-ability**

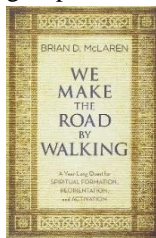
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
All Church Lunch	11:15 a.m.

*AA: Wed. 7 p.m.; Thursday 6:30 p.m.;  
Fri. 9:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.; Al-Anon:  
Thurs. 8:15 p.m*

### **We Make the Road by Walking**

Starting in September, Eastminster will embark on a year-long journey study of Brian McLaren's book "We Make the Road by Walking." Using this book in

worship and small groups, we will read through the major stories of the Bible with a brief commentary that will help connect what we're reading with daily living. We will have a variety of small groups that will gather during the week



or on Sundays to walk through the book together. You won't need to read the book ahead of time or commit to coming every week to participate. Keep looking here for the dates and

times of small groups. Interested in coordinating a small group or hosting one at your house? Let Kristin know by calling the church or emailing [revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org](mailto:revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org).

### **Bring us your back-to-school clothing**

Come bring your back-to-school clothing to the church for Judson's Love Clothing Center. The last day to bring them in is **Sept. 15**. All donations go to students returning to school. The bins are in the Narthex across from the main entry door.

### **Learn about Climate Justice**

Church Women United are meeting at 1 p.m., Monday, Sept. 9 to learn about Climate Justice. The speaker is Dr. Wolfgang Bauer and the theme is "Preserving our Human and Natural Resources."

The group will meet at University United Methodist Church, 1120 South Harrison Road, East Lansing, 48823.

Dr. Bauer teaches physics and astronomy and is the Associate Vice President of the MSU College of Natural Sciences.

## Tractor bids

Eastminster has another tractor for sale. It is a 2004 John Deere with a mower and a snow blade. It has less than 3,000 hours on it.

Mike Foster will answer questions and collect bids until Sept. 1. Contact him at 599-6064.

## Name Tags

Have you lost your name tag? Let us know if you need a replacement. We'll order new ones in a few weeks or when we have several to order.

## Fall music is coming!

Bells and choir are starting back up soon. Heather Myer and Jadrian Tarver look forward to welcoming returning members. Do you want to join? New members are always welcome. Contact Heather for bells or Jadrian for singing choir.

Bell choir rehearsals are 6 p.m. every Thursday.

Singing choir rehearsals start Sept. 5th at 7 p.m. and will rehearse at that time every Thursday after that.

## Let there be . . . STUFF!

Do you ever wonder what we can do to make a positive difference in the future of the planet for the next generations? Do you sometimes think that we aren't doing a very good job as earth's stewards caring for God's creation? Do you struggle to find hope?

If your answer is YES, then come be part of Eastminster's *Let there be . . . STUFF!* series starting September 15.

## Sign of the Times

You will notice in the next two weeks that our outdoor sign is changing. The Session has spent the last year discerning and deciding on how we can make our church property and building more visible. After much discussion, the Session moved forward with approving the installation of a new digital sign. Due to a couple of generous donations, the cost of the sign has already been covered.

Session also knows that the large cross by the sign is an important symbol for our church and is currently discerning where it will be placed. They are asking for donations towards the cost of reinstalling the cross in a new location. Please keep this process in your prayers. If you have questions you can talk to any of the elders or Kristin.



## **Eastminster Prayer Concerns**

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Mike Johnston  
Irene King  
Joe Walsh  
Blakely Lindemuler

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

### **Eastminster Church Officers**

#### **Elders**

##### **Class of 2020**

Robin Bell  
Dave Duryea  
Mike Foster  
Neil Myer

##### **Class of 2021**

Gary Blanchard  
Mary Lou Clifton  
Mary Harvey  
Sam O'Neill

##### **Class of 2022**

Steve Dickinson  
Mike Jones  
Estelle McGroarty  
Susan Smalley

##### **Pastor**

Rev. Kristin Stroble

##### **Clerk of Session**

Susan Smalley

##### **Treasurer**

Robert Kleine

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##### **Class of 2020**

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Heather Heitman  
Cindy Mackay

##### **Class of 2021**

Sherri Blanchard  
Linda Hardenbergh  
Suzanne Hunt

##### **Class of 2022**

Beverly Bonning  
Sulin Campbell  
Judy Dickinson

### **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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