



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
September 22, 2019**

What do these ancient stories mean for us today?

They help us know what's broken with our world:
something in us human beings.

And they help us know what's broken in human
beings: something in our desires.

And they help us know what's broken with our
desires: we have stopped imitating God's good
desires to create and bless and give life."

-Brian McLaren

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 22, 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 *The entry of the light.*

Call to Worship

On this ordinary Sunday, we come to worship God.

We come, trusting God will speak to us;

We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides us.

We come, hoping God will surprise us.

We come as we are, trusting that God knows and loves us.

For every time we come to God,

God is waiting for us.

***Hymn #15** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Creative, passionate God,

you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony.

You invite us to participate in the balance of creation.

We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds;

***we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also
find our well-meant endeavors***

leading to unintended consequences.

Too often we give in to temptation

that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe.

We cannot undo all our mistakes,

***but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus
and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth.***

*Do not let our hearts be fearful,
but let us in silence acknowledge our sin
and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.*

-silent confession-

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response #743** O God, You Are My God

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Reading from Scripture

The Living God is with us!

And with all creation!

Philippians 2:3-11 (*Pew Bible, page 186 - NT*)

May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God,
ourselves, our neighbors, all people, and all creation.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Reading from Scripture

Genesis 3:1-13 (*Pew Bible, pages 2-3 - OT*)

May we be enlivened by these words to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #434 *Restore in Us, O God*

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[#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 #543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Gary Blanchard

Children's Message:

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

The Prayer of Confession was written by Rev. Elizabeth Dilley, and posted on the Worship Ways website.

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. After fellowship, we have a variety of classes for all ages what you are welcome to join.



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 worship packets can be found in the basket 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: Cindy Mackay; Bob Nees,
Jeff Lapinski, Norm Mackay

Greeters

Judy James, Bill and Maxine Cleary

Flowers

The flowers today are given today by Irv Nichols and dedicated to Eastminster's congregation which has provided him with spiritual support for 61 years.

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 22 -September 29

TODAY, 9/22

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

MONDAY, 9/23

ESL Orientation	9:30 a.m.
All Staff Meeting	1:00 p.m.
UKirk Manna	6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 9/24

Burcham Small Group	3:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 9/25

Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
ESL Orientation	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner	5:30 p.m.
Dialogues On Sexuality	6:15 p.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.
Trivia at Reno's East	8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 9/19

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
We Make the Road Group	10:00 a.m.
Bells	6:00 p.m.
Choir	7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 9/29

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

Join a Small Group: We have a variety of small groups that will read the book, "We Make the Road by Walking" and study the scriptures together:

- **Sunday before Church:** At 9 am, before worship, you can join a small group.
- **Sunday after Church:** At 11:15am, after worship, you can join a small group to discuss the book as well as the Sunday sermon.
- **Burcham Small Group:** Tuesdays at 3 pm at Burcham Hills Retirement Community. Anyone is welcome to go over to Burcham to join in with this group.
- **Men's Breakfast** meets each Wednesday at 8 am. They gather for food, fellowship, and study.
- **Thursdays Small Group** meets at the church in a downstairs classroom at 10 a.m.

Help us with our worship visual: To mark and visualize our journey, we are creating a path throughout the sanctuary. During the first quarter of the year our theme is "Alive in the Story of Creation." I'd invite you during this period to bring in or email into the office pictures, drawings, stories, or poetry of what it means to you to be alive in the story of creation. Where are you finding aliveness in creation? Your images will help make the path.

Blog: We have created a "We Make the Road by Walking" blog. Each week we will be asking someone from Eastminster to respond to the question found at the end of each chapter: "What one thought or idea from today's lesson especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?" Are you willing to write something? Let the office know or sign up in the Narthex. Check out the first entries here: <https://eastminsterpresbyterian.ho.me.blog/>

MORE

*Meaningful Opportunities for
Reflection and Education
Sundays at 11:15 a.m.*

Children's Class: We Make the Road by Walking

Our kids, ages 4 through 5th grade will have the opportunity to explore the Bible using a curriculum based off the book and the scripture readings heard on Sunday mornings. Each class time will begin by music led by our choir director, Jadrian Tarver.

Youth and College Small Group: We Make the Road by Walking

This We Make the Road group is for youth and college students. They meet in the youth room.

Adult Small Group: We Make the Road by Walking

This group will gather together to explore their faith through book discussion as well as what we just heard in that Sunday's sermon.

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 today.



**refugee
development center**

Community ESL Classes at Eastminster

Every **Monday** and **Wednesday**
9:00 am-9:30 am Greeting and
Tea/Coffee

9:30 am-11:30 am Classroom Instruction
(Programs will run September 23rd,
2019- December 4, 2019)

*Note: volunteers will start the week of
September 23rd for more training,
students begin the week of September
30th

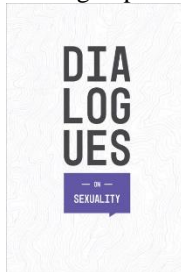
Eastminster Presbyterian Church –
Downstairs classrooms and Fellowship
Hall

Upper/Lower Level Classes Offered

Dialogues on Sexuality:

Join the Upcoming Wednesday series

Starting Sept. 25, Eastminster will host



an eight-week course
using the curriculum,
“Dialogues on
Sexuality” from
Sparkhouse.

Dinner will be served
at 5:30 and classes
will begin at 6:15.

The first topic is “A Man’s World: The Church and the Pervasive Problem of the Patriarchy. Other topics include language and identity, creating an authentically affirming community, and building an ethic of sexual wholeness.

Real Advocacy for Refugees

Attend the Greater Lansing Refugee Summit: Expanding Welcome & Advocacy. It will be held Sept. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lansing First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa. It will feature Susan Krehbiel, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Stephanie Nawyn, MSU Faculty and The All Faith Alliance for Refugees (AFAR). It is a 2019 Peace Quest event.

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.

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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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