



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
September 29, 2019**

"In the ancient Genesis stories, our species was created in the image of God - to reflect God's character faithfully in the world, both to our fellow creatures and to one another.

Soon, though, we wanted to be little gods ourselves, we wanted to judge good and evil for ourselves, to decide who would rule and who would be enslaved...

That crisis of desire has led to great shame, pain, suffering, violence, counterviolence, and fear...in our lives, our communities, and our world. Today's headlines tell the same story in a hundred different ways."

- Brian McLaren

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 29, 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**    *The entry of the light.*

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn #4**    *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

***Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.***

(Solo) When Cain killed Abel in a fight  
and Jacob stole another's right,  
when Joseph's brothers gave him chase,  
God wept, and mourned their fall from grace.

***We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have allowed ourselves to be filled with envy, jealousy, and hate. We have failed to follow your command to love our neighbor as ourselves.***

(Solo) In every family, small or great,  
when jealousy twists love to hate  
and rivals turn to enemies,  
God weeps at our hostilities.

***We have turned from our siblings and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.***

(Solo) Good Christians, join in God's lament,  
weep now and mourn, be penitent,  
and pray to God: Forgive us all.  
Restore to us before the fall.

**\*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**

**Choir Anthem**      *God of Great and God of Small*

**Reading from Scripture**

The Living God is with us!  
***And with all creation!***

Genesis 4:1-16 (*Pew Bible, pages 3-4 - OT*)

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.***

**Sermon**

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn #434**      *Restore in Us, O God*

## \*Affirmation of Faith

*We believe there is no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus;  
for we know that all things work together for good  
for those who love God,  
who are called according to God's purpose.  
We are convinced that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor rulers,  
nor things present, nor things to come,  
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation,  
will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

## 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 #39**    *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

### Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble  
Worship Leader: Elder Robin Bell  
Children's Message: Rev. Kristin Stroble  
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 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: Judy Dickinson; Dan Dickinson, Ruth Hartwig

**Greeters**

John and Trena Thornburg, Mary Lou Clifton

**Flowers**

The flowers today are given today by Dave and Mary Ann Merchant in honor of David's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**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
Audri Kocan	Nursery Attendant

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

**THURSDAY, 10/3**

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, 10/6 World Communion**

**Sunday**

Small Group 9:00 a.m.

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*

**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.
- **Thursday Small Group** meets at the church in a downstairs classroom at 10 a.m.

**This Week at Eastminster**

*September 29 - October 6*

**TODAY, 9/29**

Small Group 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MORE 11:15 a.m.

**MONDAY, 9/30**

ESL Class 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.

UKirk Student Dinner 6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, 10/1**

Burcham Small Group 3:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, 10/2**

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.

**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: "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.ome.blog/>

## **MORE**

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.



**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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019- December 4, 2019)

Eastminster Presbyterian Church –

Downstairs classrooms and Fellowship Hall. Upper/Lower Level Classes

Offered

### **Dialogues on Sexuality: Join the Wednesday series**

Eastminster is hosting an eight-week course using the curriculum, "Dialogues on Sexuality."

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

This coming week's topic is "I Kissed Niceness Goodbye: How Women Can Overcome Shame and Reclaim Ourselves." Other topics include language and identity, creating an authentically affirming community, and building an ethic of sexual wholeness.

## **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**

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Mike Jones  
Estelle McGroarty  
Susan Smalley

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Kristin Stroble

#### **Clerk of Session**

Susan Smalley

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Robert Kleine

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Linda Hardenbergh  
Suzanne Hunt

#### **Class of 2022**

Beverly Bonning  
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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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