



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
October 6, 2019

**"And this story also tells us something about
true faith.**

**Faith is stepping off the map of what's known
and making a new road by walking into the
unknown.**

**It is responding to God's call to adventure,
stepping out on a quest for goodness,
trusting that the status quo isn't as good as it gets,
believing a promise that a better life is possible.**

- Brian McLaren

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 6, 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

We are met in the presence of God

And we do not meet alone.

With all of creation

We gather to worship the Lord.

With Abraham and Sarah

We gather to worship the Lord.

With friends and strangers

We gather to worship the Lord.

We embark on our own journey of faith

God's holy name be praised.

In churches and homes, on the streets and in the wilderness,

God's holy name be praised.

We journey in the presence of God

And we do not journey alone.

***Hymn #509** *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy One,

*You call us to leave our old ways behind,
but we like our comfortable lives.*

*You call us to go where you will show us
but we want the map and directions before we leave.*

*You call us to be a blessing to all,
but often we want to keep the blessing for ourselves.
Help us to hear your voice and to let go of what holds us back.
Lead us, Lord, to walk your way on any road we travel.*

(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

Minute for Mission *Peace and Global Witness Offering*

Choir Anthem *How Firm a Foundation*

Reading from Scripture

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

Genesis 12:1-9 *(Pew Bible, page 9 - 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 #51 *To Abraham and Sarah*

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

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Thanksgiving & 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup and the Offering

(We will be receiving communion by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. Return to your seats down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served at their seats. All of the bread is gluten-free.)

Prayer

* Hymn #538

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

*Charge & Benediction

*Benediction Response #538

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong of faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.

*Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.*

*Hallelujah! We sing your praises;
all our hearts are filled with gladness.*

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Mary Harvey

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Communion Servers: Gary Blanchard, Neil Myer, Linda Hardenbergh, Barb Dalzell

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; Norm Mackay, Matt Nixon

Greeters

Donnie and Sharon Reinhard, Elizabeth Evangelista

Flowers

The flowers today are given today with gratitude for 65 years of marriage by Shirley and Bill Paxton

Church Leadership and Staff

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| 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 Mikeldadze | Organist |
| Heather Myer | Bell Choir Director |
| Laurin Schulz | Nursery Attendant |
| Audri Kocan | Nursery Attendant |

MONDAY, 10/7

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| ESL Class | 9:30 a.m. |
| Staff Meeting | 10:00 a.m. |
| UKirk Student Dinner | 6:00 p.m. |

TUESDAY, 10/8

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| Burcham Small Group | 3:00 p.m. |
| Nursery Cleaning | 6:30 p.m. |

WEDNESDAY, 10/9

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| Men's Breakfast | 8:00 a.m. |
| ESL Class | 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, 10/10

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| Cultured Purls | 9:00 a.m. |
| Small Group | 10:00 a.m. |
| Bells | 6:00 p.m. |
| Choir | 7:00 p.m. |

SUNDAY, 10/13 Centsability

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| 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

This Week at Eastminster

October 6 - October 13

TODAY, 10/6 Communion

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| Small Group | 9:00 a.m. |
| Worship | 10:00 a.m. |
| Fellowship | 11:00 a.m. |
| MORE | 11:15 a.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.

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.home.blog/>

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)
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 “Sex and Marriage: The Search for Holy Intimacy.” Other topics include language and identity, creating an authentically affirming community, and building an ethic of sexual wholeness.

Nursery Cleaning

After MORE classes today, we need volunteers to help us move out furniture in preparation for carpet cleaning. We also need volunteers to help clean the nursery on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Please let Heather Heitman know if you can help.

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

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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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