



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
February 9, 2020

"That's the real purpose of Jesus' fire-and-brimstone language. Its purpose was not to predict the destruction of the universe or to make absolute for all eternity the insider-outsider categories of us and them. Its purpose was to wake up complacent people, to warn them of the danger of their current path, and to challenge them to change."

-Brian McLaren

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 9, 2020

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.

Cents-ability Offering *(We collect loose change to help feed the hungry in our community and around the world.)*

Prelude *The entry of the light.*

Call to Worship

We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:

*where the hungry are fed,
where the thirsty drink life's water.*

We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:

*where people 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 #401** *Here in This Place*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*Sometimes, O God, we forget people, or we toss them aside –
the difficult ones,*

*the needy ones,
the ones that are hard to spend time with,
the ones who confront us.*

*And sometimes when we do things like that,
it's not really about the other people, but about us.*

*We are uncomfortable,
or feel guilty,
or we follow brighter, shinier people,
or we worry about what will make us look good.*

We are in such desperate need of your forgiveness.

We need to be forgiven for our sin,

for our mistakes,

for mistaking what the world values with what you value.

*Help us to be better and to see more clearly, and to care more
thoroughly. Hear now our silent confessions.*

(silent confession)

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response [#673 Jesus, Light of Joy]**

*With the saints we lift our voices, God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory, singing praises day and night:
Alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.*

***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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-40 (*Pew Bible, page 27 - NT*)

Anthem

For the Fruit of All Creation

Reading from Scripture

Luke 16:19-31 (*Pew Bible, page 75- NT*)

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #351 *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

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[#605 Praise to God the Father]



Praise to God the Fa - ther; praise to God the Son;
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



praise to God the Spir - it: praise to the Three - in - One.
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!



Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Ef - ia - se o - ye n'a n'a - do - e do - e so.



Praise to God Al - might - y; praise to the Ho - ly One.
Da n'a - se! Da n'a - se! Da On - ya - me a - se!

*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 #372** *O for a World*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Worship Leader: Mary Harvey
Children's Message: Matt Phillips
Guest Pianist: Alyssa Nelson
Handbell Choir Director: Heather Myer

The Call to Worship is adapted from Thom Shuman. The Prayer of Confession is written by Beth Merrill Neel (holdfasttowhatisgood.com)

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

Brian, Heather, Scarlett and Cora Heitman, Elizabeth Evangelista

Flowers

The flowers today are given by Tom and Linda Hardenbergh in honor of Beki Hardenbergh.

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

This Week at Eastminster

February 9 through February 16

TODAY, 2/9

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

MONDAY, 2/10

Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m.
UKirk Student Dinner 6:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, 2/11

ESOL Class 9:30 a.m.
Burcham Small Group 3:00 p.m.
Session 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 2/12

Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Small Group 11:00 a.m.
UKirk 7:30 p.m.
Trivia at Reno's East 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 2/13

Cultured Purls 9:00 a.m.
ESOL Class 9:30 a.m.
Bells 6:00 p.m.

Choir 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 2/9 Cents-ability

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship 11:00 a.m.
MORE 11:15 a.m.
Deacons 12:15 a.m.
AA: Wed. & Thurs. 7 p.m.; Fri. 9:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.; Al-Anon: Thurs. 8:15 p.m

MORE

(Meaningful Opportunities for Reflection and Education)

Sundays at 11:15 am

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 with music led by our choir director, Jadrian Tarver.

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.

Adult Class: Practices of Citizenship in the Kingdom of God

This class features a series of short videos to be followed by engaging discussion each week. The videos are to provide ways in which the Christian community can serve the world and at the same time be

faithful to God's vision of the Peaceable Kingdom.

- Today: Citizenship as Love for Land
- Feb 16th: Citizenship as Relating to the Other
- March 1: Citizenship as the Image of God

ESOL Classes at Eastminster

Eastminster, in partnership with the Refugee Development Center, hosts ESOL Classes. Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WE NEED YOU. We have had a wonderful turnout of students and we need more volunteers to help them learn.

50th Annual Interfaith Day

50 Years of Interfaith will include presentations by representatives from Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, Muslim, and Baha'i faiths about how each of the faiths has changed or evolved in the face of social and technological changes.

Tickets are \$12 each and include a vegetarian lunch.

Where: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 1701 E. Saginaw, Lansing

When: Tuesday, Feb. 25, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For tickets: The committee asks for a donation of a box of nutritious cereal for the Lansing Food Bank. Questions? Call Maxine Cleary

351-2399. Deadline for ticket requests is Monday, Feb. 17.

Our Kitchen Sparkles

We've done some spring cleaning in the Eastminster kitchen. Just as at home, we had accumulated crumbs and dust and utensils that were broken or unused. We are also trying to use fewer throw-away paper and plastic items and to rely more on washable, reusable dishes and flatware.



If you go in the kitchen now, you'll see labelled cupboards and drawers, a new recycling bin and relatively clear counters. Our kitchen is seeing increased use as we regularly host student dinners, English classes, Cultured Purls and more, so we need everyone's help to keep the space clean and functional.

MLK Breakfast

Action of Greater Lansing will be hosting the 11th Annual Fellowship Breakfast Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The breakfast is Monday, Feb. 17. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., Breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m. and the program begins at 9 a.m. It is being held at Union Missionary Baptist Church, 500 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in Lansing. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Elaine Cable
Bill Cleary
Jeffrey O'Neill
Lynn Banninga
Dave Merchant II
Kim Dickens
Irene King
Joe Walsh
Blakely Lindemuler

Eastminster Church Officers

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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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