



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

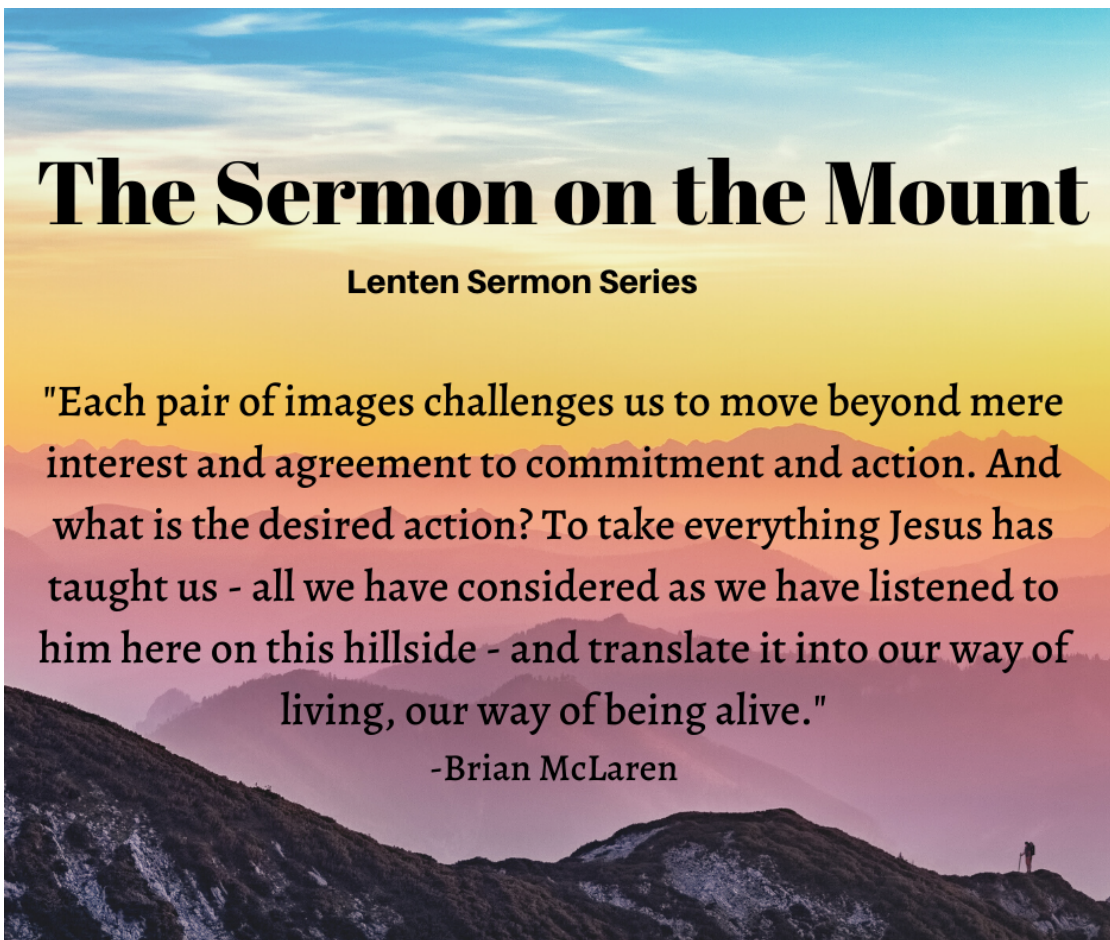
Service for the Lord's Day
March 29, 2020

The Sermon on the Mount

Lenten Sermon Series

"Each pair of images challenges us to move beyond mere interest and agreement to commitment and action. And what is the desired action? To take everything Jesus has taught us - all we have considered as we have listened to him here on this hillside - and translate it into our way of living, our way of being alive."

-Brian McLaren



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 29, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Please repeat each line after the worship leader.

This is the day that the Lord has made *(repeat)*

Let us rejoice and be glad in it *(repeat)*

We bring our whole selves to this space *(repeat)*

We bring our uncertainties and questions *(repeat)*

We bring our hopes and our longings *(repeat)*

We bring our faith and our doubt *(repeat)*

With all that we are, let us worship God *(repeat)*

Hymn #664 *Morning Has Broken*



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black-bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet-ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion; praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of all the saints, God of all the sinners, hear our prayer.

We would be saintlike – holy, good, patient, loving.

We would be saintlike – building our homes on rock.

But we end up feeling more like sinners – full of failures of morality, selfish, mean.

Remind us that you see us simply as human – created good, beloved and flawed, trying and failing, and succeeding.

Forgive the wrong that we have done, help us find that path that leads to true aliveness.

Keep molding us more and more into the image of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of God's Grace

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture *Matthew 7:13-29*

‘Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

‘Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles? In the same way, every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will know them by their fruits.

‘Not everyone who says to me, “Lord, Lord”, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, “Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?” Then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.”

‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!’

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

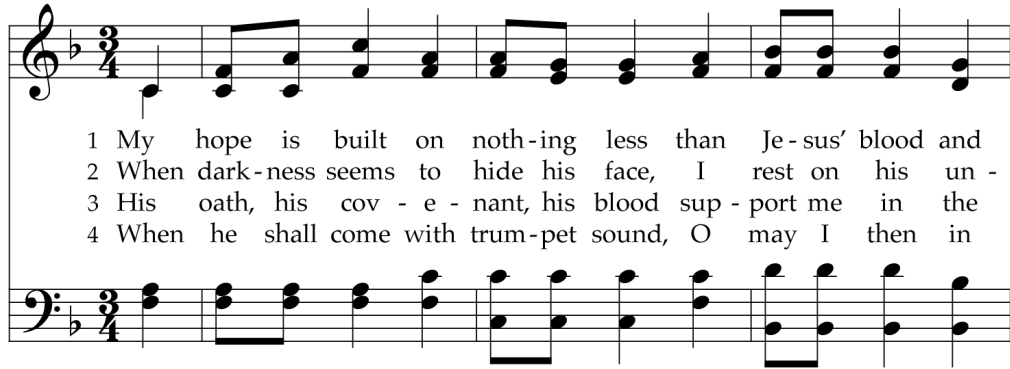
Sermon “Becoming Like Jesus: Building on Rock”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

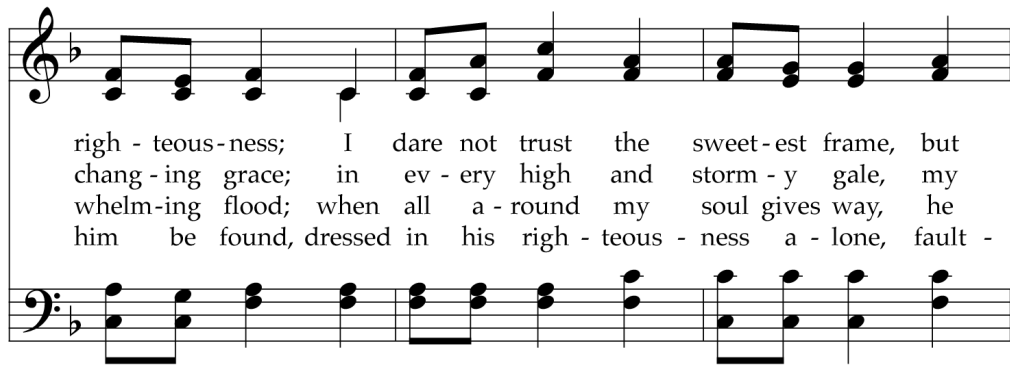
Moment of Silence

Each Sunday in Lent we’ve been responding to two prompts. “This Lent, I wish to let go of...” and “This Lent, I wish to cultivate...” You can comment in Facebook with your response.

Hymn #353 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

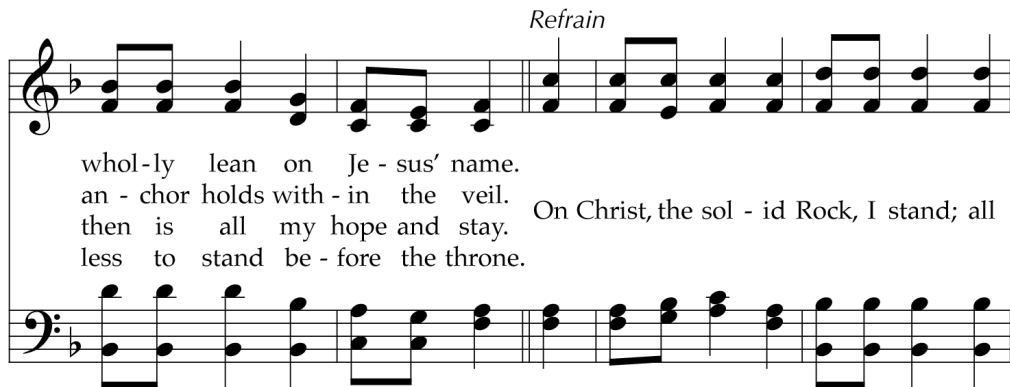


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righteous-ness a-lone, fault-

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
 an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation / Prayers of Intercession

Comment on Facebook if you have a joy or concern to be shared. You can also email or call the church with prayer concerns. Tomorrow we will send a list of prayer concerns over email to our community.

The Lord's Prayer

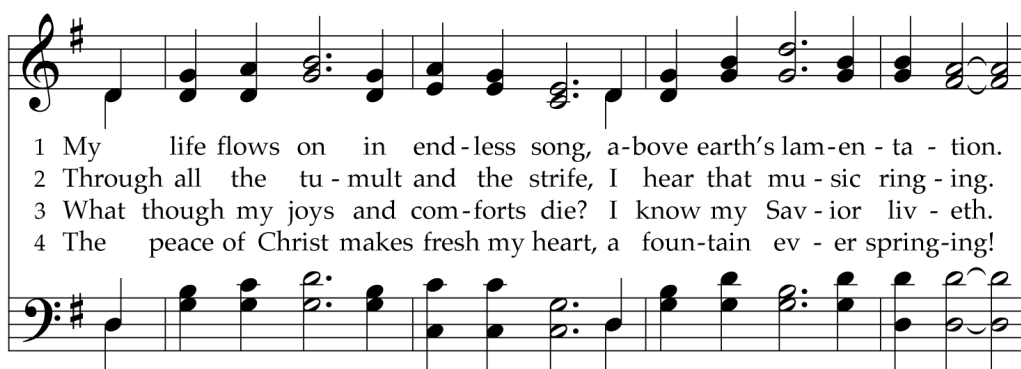
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

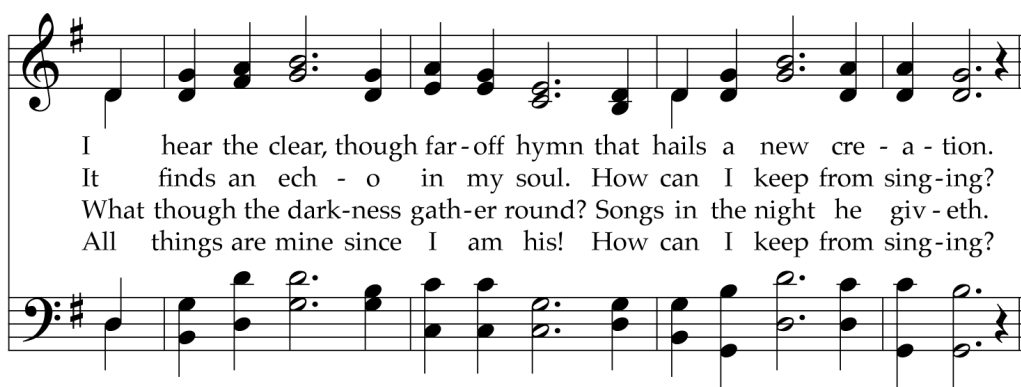
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Hymn #821

My Life Flows On

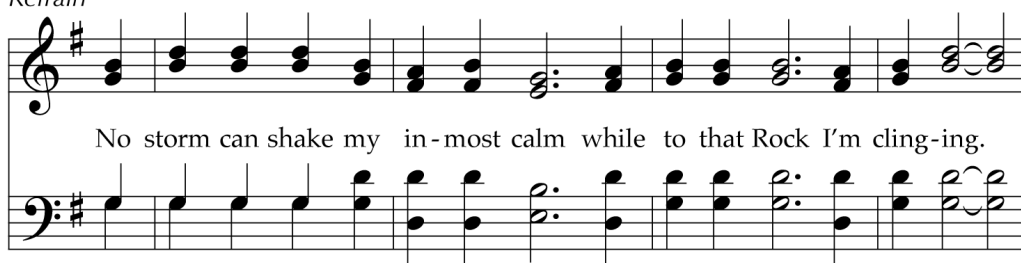


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer
Organist: Tamar Mikeladze
Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver
Tech Guru: Heather Myer

Credits: The prayer of confession was adapted from a prayer by Beth Merrill Neel from holdfasttowhatisgood.com.

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Sermon Series: This Lent, we are exploring Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and grappling with the questions of who we are, who we want to become, and what we will make of our lives. In order to embrace our identity as followers of Christ, on this road of discipleship we will reflect on what we need to let go of and what we need to cultivate to become more like Jesus. Each week we will be responding to these prompts: "This Lent, I wish to let go of..." and "This Lent, I wish to cultivate..." We invite you to offer your responses and we will fold them into origami.

Daily Emails: During this time period we are sending daily emails, Monday-Thursday, through Mailchimp to help inspire, sustain, and connect people. To subscribe please email the church office or go here: <http://eepurl.com/dznQfn>

Virtual Bible Studies:

We have two opportunities for you to come together in small groups. Using Zoom, we will be able to join together for discussion and study. Each of these groups are open to anyone, whether you've been participating in the "We Make the Road" small groups already or are looking to start right now. You can join on your tablet, computer, or you can even call in by phone. The two studies we have scheduled are:

- Wednesdays at 8:00am (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/182851481>)
- Wednesdays at 11:00am (<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/505652193>)

To join a Zoom meeting you go directly to that link. It might prompt you to download an app. Download the app and follow the instructions to connect.

If you can't access Zoom through the internet you can call into the meeting. You won't be able to see folks, but you'll still be able to listen and contribute. To do this call: 646-876-9923. It will then prompt you to enter the meeting # key. The meeting number for Tuesdays at 7:00pm is 378-406-392. The meeting number for Wednesdays at 8am is 182-851-481. The meeting number for Wednesdays at 11am is 505-652-193. After you enter the meeting number press the # key.

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Dave Merchant II, recovering from surgery
Elaine Cable
Bill Cleary
Jeffrey O'Neill
Kim Dickens
Irene King
Joe Walsh
Blakely Lindemuler

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

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.

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