



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

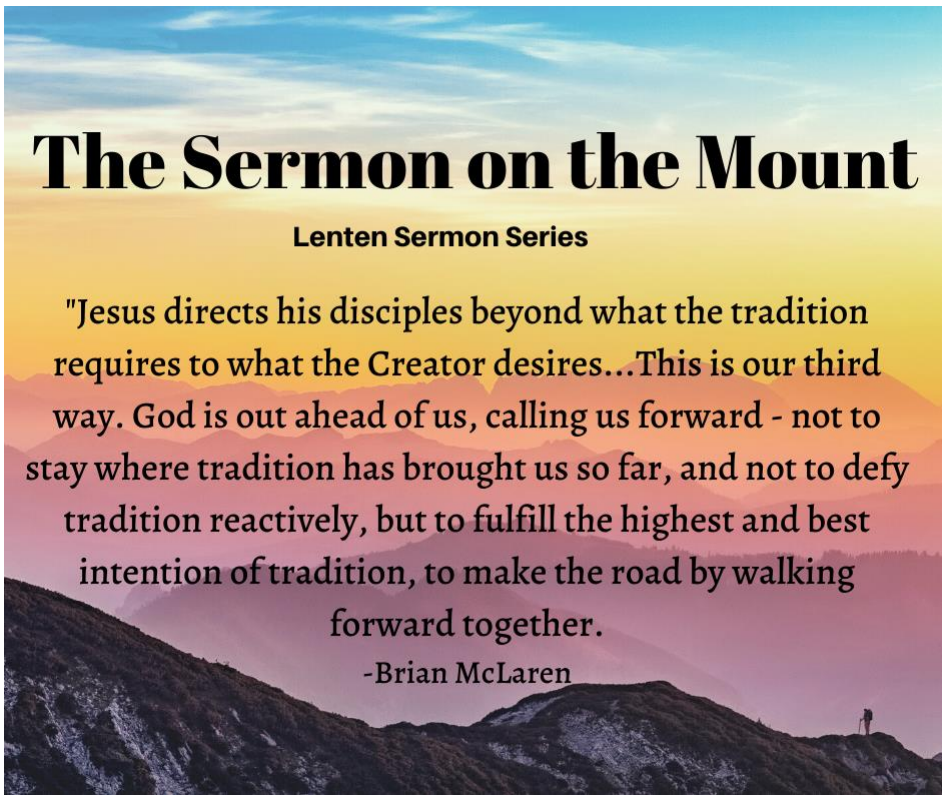
Service for the Lord's Day
March 8, 2020

The Sermon on the Mount

Lenten Sermon Series

"Jesus directs his disciples beyond what the tradition requires to what the Creator desires...This is our third way. God is out ahead of us, calling us forward - not to stay where tradition has brought us so far, and not to defy tradition reactively, but to fulfill the highest and best intention of tradition, to make the road by walking forward together.

-Brian McLaren



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 8, 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

As we offer a welcome to stranger and friend,
as we are embraced in their kindness,

we choose to be people of life and blessing.

As we serve others in God's name,
as we receive blessings from those we do not know,

we choose to walk in God's way.

As we forgive those who hurt us,
as we reach out to those we have harmed,

***we choose to be reconciled to our siblings in Christ.
Let us worship God.***

***Hymn #415** *Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

For failing to love others as you have loved us, God of grace,
forgive us.

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods, God of grace,
forgive us.

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet, God of grace,
forgive us.

For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need, God of grace,

forgive us.

For losing heart and abandoning hope, God of grace,

forgive us.

For all the ways we turn from you, God of grace,

forgive us.

(silent confession)

We offer our prayers in the name of the one who saves us, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

***Declaration of God's Grace**

Friends, believe the good news:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Congregational Response #694**

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,

You are the font of goodness, the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:

Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

***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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

Matthew 5:17-26 (*Pew Bible, page 4 - NT*)

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #444 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

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[#717]**

*For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.*

***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 #774** *There is Now a New Creation*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Heather Myer

Children's Message: Matt Phillips

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze
Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

The Call to Worship is adapted from Thorn Shumar. The Prayer of Confession is from the Book of Common Worship.

This Lent, we will explore Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and grapple 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 there will be two origami squares in each bulletin. On them will be written: "This Lent, I wish to let go of..." and "This Lent, I wish to cultivate..." We invite you to write your responses and place them in the offering plate. These responses will form our tree in the sanctuary.

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: Linda Hardenbergh; Sue Miller, MaryAnn Pitney

Greeters

Susan Smalley, Jim Artabasy

Flowers

The flowers today are given for the glory of God.

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

March 8 through March 15

TODAY, 3/8 Cents-ability

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

MONDAY, 3/9

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

TUESDAY, 3/10 Primary Election

ESOL Class	9:30 a.m.
Burcham Small Group	3:00 p.m.
Dinner	6:00 p.m.
All-Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 3/11

Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Small Group	11:00 a.m.
Lenten Supper	5:30 p.m.
Lenten Class	6:15 p.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.
Trivia at Reno's East	8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 3/12

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, 3/15

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.

MORE

(Meaningful Opportunities for Reflection and Education)

Sundays at 11:15 am

Children's Class: We Make the Road by Walking

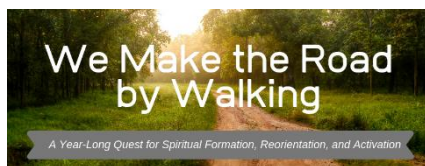
Our kids, ages 4 through 5th grade will have the opportunity to explore the Bible using a curriculum based off the book and the scripture readings heard on Sunday mornings. Each class time will begin with music led by our choir director, Jadrian Tarver.

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: The Border and Immigration

This will be a five-week class around the U.S./Mexico border and issues of immigration. This class has been planned because of the mission trip to the U.S./Mexico border and the need for us all to learn more about the situation there and how faith speaks to it.



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 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.
- **Wednesday Small Group** meets at the church in a downstairs classroom at 11 a.m.

Help us with our worship

visual: To mark and visualize our journey, we are creating a path throughout the sanctuary. During the third quarter of the year our theme is "Alive in a Global Uprising." I'd invite you to bring in or email to the office pictures that represent HOPE to you. Hope that might be found in an uprising of peace, freedom, justice and compassion.

Jones-Brown Wedding March 28

All are invited to join Becky Jones and Mike Brown as they celebrate their marriage. The wedding ceremony will be held here on Saturday, March 28 at 5 pm. If you would like to attend the reception, please see Becky for an invitation as she will need your RSVP and meal preference. You can contact Becky at rev.rsj@gmail.com or 512.636.8231.

Wednesdays in Lent

Dinner: 5:30 pm-6:15 pm
 Program: 6:15-7:30 pm
 During the Wednesdays in Lent, March 4 - April 15, we invite you to join us for dinner and a discussion about what it means to be a Vital Congregation.

The world is changing and so is the church. Often, we fear this change; we look around and lament that the church is not what it once was. In the church, fear is often the enemy and it keeps us from doing God's work. Using a process designed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency, each Wednesday we will ask the question, what makes a vital congregation? Where is the Spirit of God at work in Eastminster and where is the Spirit leading us to change? Christ is doing a new thing and our job as a people of God is to receive that new thing together and be a part of it.

We will also have an opportunity for children during the adult program time. Wednesday Wind Down will provide children with quiet activities, films and stories designed to help the children wind down and be ready for bed at the end of the evening. Nursery care will be provided for children three and under.

Please sign up in the Green Room for each Wednesday you plan on attending and if you are willing to bring soup or salad.

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 13, 9:30 a.m.
 Friendship Baptist Church, 2912 Pleasant Grove Road

Questions? Contact Maxine Cleary
 351-2399

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Bill Cleary
Jeffrey O'Neill
Dave Merchant II
Kim Dickens
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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