



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
July 28, 2019

A Storybook Faith



Summer Sermon Series

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 28, 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

Call to Worship

We gather here

*as a people who have faith in a story
that stretches far before and beyond us.*

It's a story that tells us that

what we know of life is only a tiny part of the picture;
that here, who we are is still unfinished.

*It's a story of how God's redemption and restoration
rewrites what we know of ourselves,*

editing our lives with words of grace and forgiveness
and creating an ending that speaks only of love.

We gather to worship God.

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

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*Gracious and loving God,
you have lived for us – we have not lived for you.
You have forgiven us – we have not forgiven others.
You have loved us – we have not loved ourselves
nor have we loved one another.
Have mercy on us and forgive us, God.
Help us to forgive.*

*Help us to live for you.
 Help us to love through Christ our Lord.*

(Silent prayers of confession)

***Declaration of God’s Grace**

***Congregational Response [#582 Glory to God]**

B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

(Turn to your neighbors and say, “The Peace of Christ be with you.”)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children’s Story *Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse* by Kevin Henkes

Special Music “Agnus Dei” by Bizet
 Sue Rosser, soprano

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

Matthew 18:21-35 (Pew Bible, page 19 - NT)

Sermon “Forgiveness 101”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Stations

There are two prayer stations, one in the front of the sanctuary and one in the pews, that you can experience during this time or you can use the space for silent prayer.

Station #1: Letting Go

(Reflect on the following in your seats or use one of the stations found in the front of the sanctuary.)

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?” Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times.”

- Has someone done something which has hurt you, annoyed you or upset you? Holding onto these feelings traps us, makes us feel worse, which is why forgiveness is important.
- The servant was forgiven his debts. As a sign of forgiveness think about the person who has hurt you. Drop the “coin” into the water.” Repeat the mantra: “God give me strength to forgive from my heart,” and watch the “coin” dissolve.

Station #2: Confession

(The ropes that you need for this station are found at the end of each pew. You are welcome to take the rope home with you.)

“And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors”
(Matt 6:12).

- Take one of the ropes found in the pews. As you hold the rope in your hand, consider what you need to confess, the ways you stand in need of forgiveness.
- As each item comes to mind, make a knot in your rope. Continue this process until you have 4-5 knots in your rope.

- Go back to the first knot, holding the confession that knot represents. Hear God's assurance that you are forgiven and loved.
- As you allow yourself to feel forgiven, untie each individual knot.

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[#606 Old Hundredth]

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*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 #546** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Gary Blanchard

Children's Message: Suzi Moss

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

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.



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 bulletins can be found 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; Bob Nees, Beverly Bonning

Greeters

Sue Rosser, Bruce Augenstein

Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble	Pastor
Dr. Fred Graham	Parish Advisor
Rev. Shirley Paxton	Parish Advisor
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Bridgette Redman	Office Administrator
Jadrian Tarver	Choir Director
Tamar Mikeladze	Organist
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director

Laurin Schulz

Nursery Attendant

This Week at Eastminster

July 28- August 4

TODAY, 7/28

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

WEDNESDAY, 7/31

Trivia at Reno's East	8:00 p.m.
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THURSDAY, 8/1

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, 8/4, Communion

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

AA: Wed. & Thurs. 7 p.m.; Fri. 9:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.; Al-Anon: Thurs. 8:15 p.m

Summer Sermon Series

August 4th:

The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

August 11th:

The Wing by Ray Buckley

August 18th:

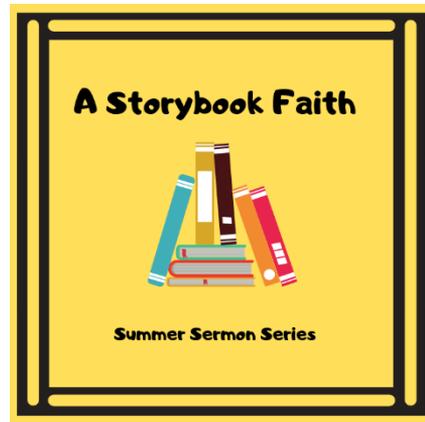
The Three Questions by Jon Muth

August 25th:

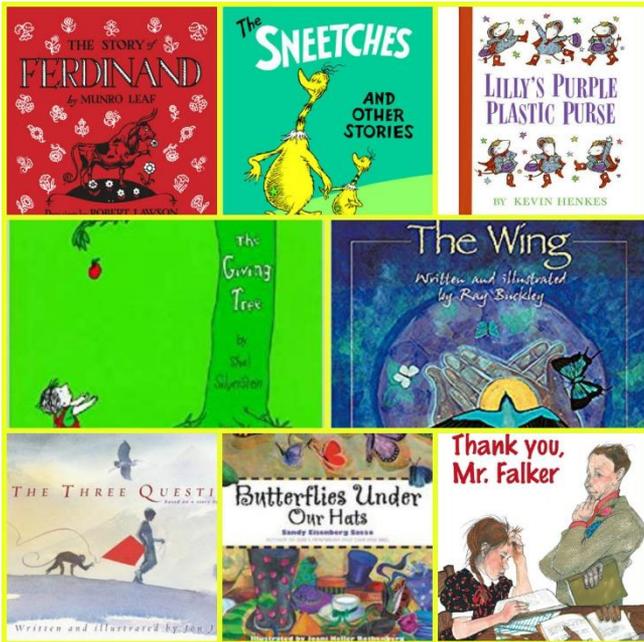
Butterflies Under Our Hats by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso

September 1st:

Thank you, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco



Check out additional books on the same theme each week on the shelf in the Narthex. There will also be Facebook postings throughout the week about the book, its author, and activities you can do to deepen your understanding of it and the themes presented.



Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Becca Smith
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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