



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
July 14, 2019

A Storybook Faith



Summer Sermon Series

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 14, 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.

Cents-ability Offering

Prelude

Call to Worship

Just a reminder as you come to worship: You are a child of God.

Who are you?

A child of God.

And the person sitting next to you?

A child of God.

And the person whose sleeping in or out for breakfast or on the golf course – the one who didn't come to church today? Who's that person?

A child of God.

And the person you love most in the world, and the one who drives you up the wall?

A child of God.

Remembering that we are children of God, let us worship the Lord.

***Hymn #401** *Here in This Place*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession** *by Stephen Fearing*

*Your word reminds us that we are called
to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

But we make far too many distinctions,

treating one person with more dignity and respect than another.

We gladly welcome those who look and act like us, but give a much less enthusiastic welcome to the stranger. Forgive us for the moments when our faith has been empty, for the times that our works have not matched our words. Help us lean ever more toward your goodness and help our lives reflect that goodness in concrete ways.

(Silent prayers of confession)

***Declaration of God's Grace**

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

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 *The Sneetches* by Dr. Seuss

Special Music

Ian Brinklow

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

James 2:1-13 (*Pew Bible, pages 215-216 - NT*)

Sermon

“Playing Favorites”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #754

Help us Accept Each Other

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 #317**

In Christ There Is No East or West

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Mike Foster

Children's Message: Deacon Linda Hardenburgh

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 and main entrance.



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: Linda Hardenbergh; Judy James, Jeff Lapinski

Greeters

Estelle McGroarty, Sheryl Blanchard

Flowers

The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble

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Parish Advisor

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This Week at Eastminster

July 14- July 21

TODAY, 7/14

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, 7/17	
Trivia at Reno's East	8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 7/18	
Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
SUNDAY, 7/21	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Trivia Tournament	1:00 p.m.

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

Staff Out of Office

Director of Christian Education Neil Myer will be out of the office for Greater Church Service from July 13 to July 20. Rev. Kristin Stroble will be out of the office on vacation from July 17 to July 25.

Sunday's Sermon

Did you miss Sunday's sermon? Do you just want to hear it again? Audio recordings of Rev. Kristin's sermons are now available on the website at www.eastminsterchurch.org.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Join your Eastminster friends at the Lansing Lugnuts game on Friday, Aug. 16 as our home team takes on the Fort

Wayne
TinCaps at
7:05 p.m.



Tickets are \$11 each and are due Friday, July 21. Make your checks payable to Eastminster Presbyterian Church. Pick up a ticket order form in the Green Room or contact Norm Mackay at normcyn1@gmail.com for more information.

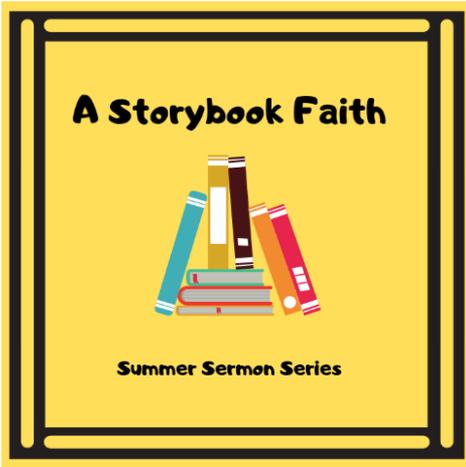
There will be a pre-game Faith All-Star lineup before the game, fireworks after the game and a Delta Dental's Smile Shot Group Photo during the game along with a group raffle in which one member from our group will win a special prize.

Congratulations to our Trivia Team!

Our Trivia team has qualified for the area-wide tournament. Give them your best wishes as they head out Sunday, July 21. Six of the team members will be competing for the prize.

Do you want to play along? The tournament is closed, but all are welcome every Wednesday night at Reno's East at 8 p.m. Come join the fun!

New Summer Sermon Series



July 14th:

The Sneetches by Dr. Seuss

July 21st:

Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey by Margriet Ruurs

July 28th:

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes

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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