



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
September 15, 2019

"It's a big and beautiful thing to be an
image bearer of God.

But it's also a big responsibility.

To be alive means to bear responsibly the
image of God. It means to stretch out your
hand to take from the Tree of Aliveness -
and to join in God's creative healing work."

-Brian McLaren

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 15, 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 *The entry of the light.*

Call to Worship

God is still creating -

Let us imagine more faithfully.

God is still speaking -

Let us listen more carefully.

God is still guiding -

Let us walk more faithfully

God is still breathing life into this world -

Let us inhale more deeply.

May this be a time of imagining, hearing, walking, breathing.

May this be a time of true worship.

***Hymn #308** *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

***Call to Confession**

We rejoice in the knowledge that God created all things and called them good. But we also know that sin gets in the way of living into who we were created to be. Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sins together.

***Prayer of Confession**

God of all living things, you breathed into the dust of the ground and created human beings.

Breathe into us, Breath of God.

You planted a garden and made all kinds of trees grow from the ground, trees beautiful and good to eat, the tree of life, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Breathe into us, Breath of God.

You set us down in the garden, to work the ground and keep it in order.

Breathe into us Breath of God.

Out of the ground, you formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, inviting us to name them. You made us, humankind, companions and partners in this place.

Breathe into us Breath of God.

Where our sense of wonder has waned, fill us with life anew. Where we have forgotten to cherish your creation, our home, fill us with life anew. Where we have failed to live in love and neglected the broken, the hungry, the poor, fill us with life anew. As the waters of our baptism washed us and welcomed us, fill us with life anew. Amen.

***Song #286** *Breath on Me, Breath of God*

***Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.***

***Declaration of God's Grace**

Hear the Good News: The one who Created, who redeemed us, who breathes new life into us forgives us our sins. Thanks be to God.
Amen.

***Congregational Response #743** O God, You Are My God

***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

Reading from Scripture

The Living God is with us!

And with all creation!

Psalm 8 (*Pew Bible, page 466 - OT*)

Psalm 8

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouths of babes and infants

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals^[a] that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,^[b]
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your
hands;

you have put all things under their feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

May we be equipped by these words to walk in love for God,
ourselves, our neighbors, all people, and all creation.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem *Amazing Grace*

Reading from Scripture

Genesis 2:4-25 (*Pew Bible, page 2 - OT*)

May we be enlivened by these words to do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #713 *Touch the Earth Lightly*

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[#609]

D A D

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures

Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em A Bm

one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Em D G A Em G A D

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Collaborative Creator God, you call us to join in your work of love in the world, and you equip us with all we need to follow your lead. Now make us generous of hand, heart, and mind, as you are. As we return to you a portion of your gifts, we pray you would receive them as a sign of our gratitude for your unending love, and guide us as we offer our whole selves in your service, seeking your abundant life for all. Amen.

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 #23 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets**

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Worship Leader: Elder Susan Smalley
Children's Message: Elder Robin Bell
Organist: Tamar Mikeladze
Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

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: Heather Heitman; Barb Stowitts, Sue Kalvonjian

Greeters

Cindy Mackay and Terry Graham

Flowers

The flowers today are given today by Sally Dustan in memory of Bob Dustan from his family.

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

This Week at Eastminster

September 15-September 22

TODAY, 9/15

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
MORE	11:15 a.m.
UKirk Lake Day	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 9/16

Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
UKirk Manna	6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9/18

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

THURSDAY, 9/19

Cultured Purls	9:00 a.m.
Bells	6:00 p.m.
Choir	7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 9/22

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

We Make the Road by Walking

Join a Small Group: We have a variety of small groups that will read the book and study the scriptures together:

- **Sunday before Church:** At 9 am, before worship, you can join a small group. This group begins today.
- **Sunday after Church:** At 11:15am, after worship, you can join a small group to discuss the book as well as the Sunday sermon. This group begins today.
- **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.

Help us with our worship visual: To mark and visualize our journey, we are creating a path throughout the sanctuary. During the first quarter of the year our theme is "Alive in the Story of Creation." I'd invite you during this period to bring in or email into the office pictures, drawings, stories, or poetry of what it means to you to be alive in the story of creation. Where are you finding aliveness in creation? Your images will help make the path.

Blog: We have created a "We Make the Road by Walking" blog. Each week we will be asking someone from Eastminster to respond to the question found at the end of each chapter: "What one thought or idea from today's lesson especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, warmed, warned, helped, or surprised you?" Are you willing to write something? Let the office know or sign up in the Narthex. Check out the first entries here: <https://eastminsterpresbyterian.me.blog/>

MORE

Meaningful Opportunities for Reflection and Education
Sundays at 11:15 a.m.

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 by music led by our choir director, Jadrian Tarver.

Youth and College Small Group: We Make the Road by Walking

This week, this class will not meet and instead will be having an opportunity for fun and play off grounds. Contact Neil Myer for more information.

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.

Let there be . . . STUFF!

Do you ever wonder what we can do to make a positive difference in the future of the planet for the next generations? Do you sometimes think that we aren't doing a very good job as earth's stewards caring for God's creation? Do you struggle to find hope? If your answer is YES, then come be part of Eastminster's Let there be . . . STUFF! series starting today.



**refugee
development center**

Community English Classes at Eastminster Presbyterian Church!

Classes will be led by an ESL Instructor from the Refugee Development Center. Volunteers will serve a supportive role to engage students in conversations, worksheets, and activities.

Are you willing to volunteer?

We are looking for church members and friends to make a one day per week, semester long volunteer commitment, to support English Language Learners in the classroom. All new volunteers must attend a mandatory volunteer orientation session. If you volunteered last semester, you do not need to attend the orientation

Volunteer Orientations will be offered on the following dates:

Wednesday, September 11th, 2019
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Unitarian Universalist Church
5509 S. Pennsylvania, Lansing

Monday, September 16th, 2019
5:30pm – 8:00pm

RCAH Theater, Snyder-Phillips Hall
Michigan State University

Tuesday, September 17th, 2019
6:00-8:30pm

RCAH Theater, Snyder-Phillips Hall
Michigan State University

Community ESL Classes at Eastminster

Every **Monday** and **Wednesday**

9:00 am-9:30 am Greeting and Tea/Coffee

9:30 am-11:30 am Classroom Instruction (Programs will run September 23rd, 2019- December 4, 2019)

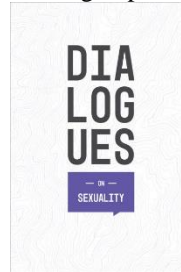
*Note: volunteers will start the week of September 23rd for more training, students begin the week of September 30th

Eastminster Presbyterian Church –
Downstairs classrooms and Fellowship Hall

Upper/Lower Level Classes Offered

Dialogues on Sexuality: Join the Upcoming Wednesday series

Starting Sept. 25, Eastminster will host



an eight-week course using the book, "Dialogues on Sexuality" from Sparkhouse.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 and classes will begin at 6:15.

Topics range from exploring the patriarchy in the church, how women can overcome shame, sex and marriage, sexual identity and the power of words, what does it mean to be transgender, creating an affirming community, and building an ethic of sexual wholeness.



Real Advocacy for Refugees

Attend the Greater Lansing Refugee Summit: Expanding Welcome & Advocacy. It will be held Sept. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lansing First Presbyterian Church, 510 W. Ottawa. It will feature Susan Krehbiel, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Stephanie Nawyn, MSU Faculty and The All Faith Alliance for Refugees (AFAR). It is a 2019 Peace Quest event.

ACTION of Greater Lansing Local Justice Events

"We are called to Justice" Hosted by One Love Global
Tuesday September 24th, 12pm-2pm
Epicenter of Worship (517 W. Jolly Road, Lansing)

"Rally for Lifer, Law, Prison, and Criminal Justice Reform
Hosted by NLA: National Lifer Association
Thursday, October 10th, 11am-2pm
Michigan State Capitol

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Mike Johnston
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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