



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
September 8, 2019

"To be alive is to look up at the stars on a dark night and to feel the beyond-words awe of space in its vastness.

To be alive is to look down from a mountaintop on a bright, clear day and to feel the wonder that can only be expressed in 'oh' and 'wow' or maybe 'hallelujah.'

To be alive is to gaze in delight at a single bird, tree, leaf, friend, and to feel that they whisper of a creator or source we all share."

-Brian McLaren

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 8, 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

Come with your questions, come with your awe!

*For the God who broods over the chaos
meets us in this place.*

Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

*For the God who breathes new life into the dust
meets us in this place.*

Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

*For the God who dared to become human
meets us in this place.*

***Hymn #35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Creator God,

*As we are made in your image,
we give you thanks for the seed of creativity
you planted in each of us.*

*We praise you for ongoing acts of creation –
the clean lines of the sculpture,
the complexity of the concerto,
the beauty of the poet's words.*

Grant us, we pray,

*the capacity to appreciate creativity
where we don't always notice it.
the perfectly clean and useful lines of a row of coat hangers
or the complexity of a computer that crashes (some days)
but most days does not,
or the beauty in a text message carrying everyday news.*

*Forgive us, we pray,
for those times we have squandered our capacity to create,
and for those times we have used our creativity
as a force for destruction rather than reparation.*

*Help us truly to live in appreciative awe of the gift of life,
and the creative force within each of us.
Grant us grace to be re-created, so that we might be alive in
your Holy Spirit, filled with wonder.*

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***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

Choir Anthem *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

Genesis 1:1-2:4 (*Pew Bible, pages 1-2 - OT*)

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #14 For the Beauty of the Earth

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]

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Thanksgiving & 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup and the Offering

(We will be receiving communion by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. Return to your seats down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served at their seats. All of the bread is gluten-free.)

Prayer

* **Hymn #24** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Norm Mackay

Children's Message: Elder Neil Myer

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Communion Servers: Susan Smalley, Dave Duryea, Cindy Mackay, Linda Hardenbergh

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by Jennifer G. Brownell. The Choral Reading of Genesis 1 is written by Scott Ward and found on worshipwords.co.uk.

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: Linda Hardenbergh; Susan Smalley, Jim Artabasy

Greeters

Matt, Heidi, Sophie and Ann Phillips

Flowers

The flowers today are given today by Jeff Lapinski, dedicated to learning and those who foster it.

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 8-September 15

TODAY, 9/8

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Kickoff & All-Church Lunch	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 9/9

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

TUESDAY, 9/10

Dinner	6:00 p.m.
All Committee Night	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 9/11

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

THURSDAY, 9/12

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

SATURDAY, 9/14

Advent House	9:45 a.m.
Book Club	10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 9/22

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

Starting today, Eastminster will embark on a year-long journey study of Brian McLaren's book "We Make the Road by Walking." Using this book in worship and small groups, we will read through the major stories of the Bible with a brief commentary that will help connect what we're reading with daily living. We will have a variety of small groups that will gather during the week or on Sundays to

walk through the book together. You won't need to read the book ahead of time or commit to coming every week to participate. Keep looking here for the dates and times of small groups. Interested in coordinating a small group or hosting one at your house? Let Kristin know by calling the church or emailing revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org.



**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
5:3pm – 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

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 September 15.

Weekly topics include:

- Care of Creation and the Story of Stuff;
- Natural Ingredients of Stuff: Water;
- How Stuff is Produced;
- Plastic, Plastic, Plastic;
- Conscious Consumption;
- Disposing of Stuff: Is Recycling the Answer?
- Stuff at Eastminster;
- More than Consumers: Citizens.

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.

Eastminster Church Officers

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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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