



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
October 20, 2019**

"As in Genesis, life today is full of rivalries and conflicts. We all experience wrongs, hurts, and injustices through the actions of others - and we all inflict wrongs, hurts, and injustices upon others. If we want to reflect the image of God, we will choose grace over hostility, reconciliation over revenge, and equality over rivalry. When we make the choice, we encounter God in the faces of our former rivals and enemies. And as we are humbled, surrendering to God and seeking to be reconciled with others, our faces too, reflect the face of God."

- Brian McLaren



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 20, 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

We gather here in anticipation,

seeking an encounter with our Holy God,

who comes among us when we least expect it,

who invites us to wrestle with our questions and doubts,

who richly blesses us, and calls us each by name.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn #450** *Be Thou My Vision*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy and merciful God,

in your presence we confess

our failure to be who you created us to be.

You created us to receive your blessing

and give blessings to others,

but we act as if we would run out of your love

if we were to offer it to each other.

We imagine that we have your ways all figured out,

and so we reject or ignore those who see you differently.

We accumulate good for ourselves,

forgetting that you intend for us to share and celebrate.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Name us as your people again, and restore us to your favor.

(silent confession)

***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

Reading from Scripture

The Living God is with us!

And with all creation!

Genesis 32:22-32 *(Pew Bible, pages - OT)*

Choir Anthem *I Will Be a Child of Peace*

Reading from Scripture

Genesis 33:1-11 *(Pew Bible, page 29 - OT)*

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.

Sermon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #684 *Faith Begins by Letting Go*

***Affirmation of Faith**

*We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.*

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

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 #755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
 Worship Leader: Robin Bell
 Children's Message: 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:

Greeters

Judy Dunn, Jeff Lapinski

Flowers

The flowers today are given today by Pat and Ted Hagan in memory of Dr. Roland "Buck" Bethards.

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

October 20 to October 27

TODAY, 10/20

Small Group	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
MORE	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 10/21

ESL Class	9:30 a.m.
Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
UKirk Student Dinner	6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 10/22

Burcham Small Group	3:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 10/23

Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
ESLClass	9:30 a.m.
Wednesdays Dinner	5:30 p.m.
Dialogues On Sexuality	6:15 p.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.

Trivia at Reno's East 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/24

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, 10/27

Small Group 9:00 a.m.

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, "We Make the Road by Walking" and study the scriptures together:

- **Sunday before Church:** At 9 am, before worship, you can join a small group.
- **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.
- **Thursday Small Group** meets at the church in a downstairs classroom at 10 a.m.

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: Make sure you are checking our weekly blog on "We Make the Road by Walking." We're also looking for more writers. Share your thoughts in the weekly blog by contacting Kristin to schedule a week. Check out the first entries

here: <https://eastminsterpresbyterian.home.blog/>

Stewardship 2020

Everyone should have received a letter and pledge card for 2020 in the mail. If you have not, please let Bridgette know and she will get you one. Pledge cards are due back on Sunday, Oct. 27 in worship or before that date in the mail or in the box outside the church office.

Thank you for your faithfulness.

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Kim Dickens
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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