



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
October 27, 2019

"If you're looking for a thirty-minute story with a happy ending every time, it's hard to find in the Bible - just as it is in real life. Instead, we discover the presence of God with us in our troubles, helping us deal with them, helping us discover solutions to them, helping us deal with the new problems inevitably created by those solutions, and so on. Through it all, we discover God's faithful desire to help the downtrodden, the oppressed, the exploited, and the forgotten."

- Brian McLaren



# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 27, 2019

10:00 a.m.

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*\* 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**

O God, who called all life into being,  
*the earth, sea and sky are yours.*

Your presence is all around us;  
*every atom is full of your energy.*

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth.  
*With her we yearn for justice to be done.*

for creation to be free from threat,  
*for the hungry to be fed.*

for captives to be released,  
*for your kingdom of peace to come on earth.*

**\*Hymn #19** *God of Great and God of Small*

### **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of 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!*

Exodus 1:1-2:11 (*Pew Bible, page 47 - OT*)

**Hymn**        *A Fearful, Desperate Mother (verses 1&2)*

### **Reading from Scripture**

Exodus 2:11-25    (*Pew Bible, pages 47-48 - OT*)

**Hymn**        *A Fearful, Desperate Mother (verses 3&4)*

### **Sermon**

# A Hymn Inspired by Exodus 2:1-10

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: AURELIA

Meter: 7.6.7.6 D

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

Piano

1. A fear - ful desp - erate mo - ther pro - tects her pre - cious child.  
 2. The daught - er of the Phar - aoh is bath - ing in the Nile.  
 3. A child born in - to per - il now lives in Phar - aoh's court.  
 4. Though Phar - aoh rules with fu - ry, his plan un - ra - vels fast.

She puts him in a bask - et in - to the ri - ver wild.  
 She looks u - pon the ri - ver and sees the float - ing child.  
 A ty - rant's thirst for po - wer at risk with - in his fort.  
 He thinks he'll build his king - dom by slav - ing the out - cast.

8  
 She watch - es from a dist - ance, his ves - sel floats a - way.  
 Her heart is filled with mer - cy, she pit - ies his poor plight.  
 A daught - er finds a new - born, a young one al - most drowned.  
 A mo - ther's des - per - a - tion gives birth to God's de - sign,

12  
 And though her heart is griev - ing, God's plan is un - der - way.  
 She longs to be a mo - ther; this child, her true de - light.  
 A moth - er's plan un - ra - vels, but hope a - gain is found.  
 a plan to free God's peo - ple, de - stroy - ing Phar - aoh's shrine.

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**Hymn #726** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

### **\*Stewardship Commitment**

Gracious God, you have made a world for us and given us incomparable gifts: air and water, family and friends, your steadfast love and forgiveness, and your son Jesus. For all the gifts and wonders you have bestowed on us.

*We thank you and worship you with renewed gratitude.*

O God, you created us to love one another as Christ has loved us. We are concerned about all your children, those who live near us and those who live far away. We are eager to participate in the work of the whole church and to further the ministry and service of this congregation.

*We are called to be your stewards. We thoughtfully shoulder our personal share of responsibility, and we pledge to witness to the good news of Christ with our hearts, hands, and voices.*

**Musical Offering** *If You Will Only Let God Guide You*

*While the choir sings, please come forward and place your pledge card and/or the commitment to be a steward in the basket at the front of the sanctuary.*

### **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

## 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 #741 *Guide My Feet*

\*Charge & Benediction

\*Postlude

### Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Mary Harvey

Children's Message: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze  
Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

The Call to Worship is from the Iona Abbey Worship Book

**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: Beverly Bonning; Bob Nees, Jeff Lapinski, Norm Mackay

### Greeters

Judy Dunn, Maddy Trimby

### Flowers

The flowers today are given today by Terry Graham in honor of Fred Graham's birthday.

### 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

Laurin Schulz

Audri Kocan

Bell Choir Director

Nursery Attendant

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### This Week at Eastminster

*October 27 to November 3*

#### **TODAY, 10/27**

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

#### **MONDAY, 10/28**

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

#### **TUESDAY, 10/29**

Burcham Small Group	3:00 p.m.
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## WEDNESDAY, 10/30

Men's Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
ESL Class	9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 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, 10/31

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, 11/3

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*



**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:** 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://eastminsterpresbyteriana.home.blog/>

## **MORE**

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 We Make the Road group is for youth and college students. They meet in the youth room.

### **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.

### **Dialogues on Sexuality**

Join us Wednesday night for dialogues on sexuality. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and the class starts at 6:15.

This week's topic is "All are welcome? Creating an authentically affirming community."

The final class is "Building an ethic of sexual wholeness: Seeking a new way forward."

### **Traveling to the Border**

Are you interested in joining a mission trip to the U.S./Mexico border the week of May 3, 2020? The Mission Team is working with Frontera de Cristo, a Presbyterian border ministry in the sister cities of Agua Prieta, Sonora and Douglas, Arizona. They work with churches, presbyteries, and secular organizations on both sides of the border to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God."

An informational meeting will be held Nov. 10 after worship.

### **Nehemiah Public Assembly**

As Eastminster Presbyterian is a supporter of Action of Greater Lansing, we invite you to consider attending the annual Nehemiah Public Assembly, which highlights the AGL initiatives of this last year. The Assembly will be 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29 at Red Cedar Friends, 1400 Turner St.

Issues to be addressed will include: housing foreclosure prevention; implicit bias training; disability inclusion, and issues regarding incarceration. There is no cost to attend, but RSVP requested.  
Contact: Susan

Dougherty at: ssn.dougherty@gmail.com

## Volunteer Needed!

Eastminster needs someone to care for its kitchen. The kitchen coordinator would keep our kitchens in tip-top shape by performing the following tasks



(and whatever else might need to be done) on a weekly basis:

- Cleaning out the refrigerator
- Emptying and refilling the dishwasher
- Checking supplies and letting Bridgette know what needs to be ordered
- Keeping things in their proper places

## Merrie Mynsters Want You!

The weekly Wednesday trivia team is looking for more members. They compete every week at Reno's East across from the church at 8 p.m.

Next week is the second Halloween event where teams who arrive in costume get extra points.



## 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

### Elders

#### Class of 2020

Robin Bell  
Dave Duryea  
Mike Foster  
Neil Myer

#### Class of 2021

Gary Blanchard  
Mary Lou Clifton  
Mary Harvey  
Sam O'Neill

#### Class of 2022

Steve Dickinson  
Mike Jones  
Estelle McGroarty  
Susan Smalley

#### Pastor

Rev. Kristin Stroble

#### Clerk of Session

Susan Smalley

#### Treasurer

Robert Kleine

### Deacons

#### Class of 2020

Barbara Dalzell  
Heather Heitman  
Cindy Mackay

#### Class of 2021

Sherri Blanchard  
Linda Hardenbergh  
Suzanne Hunt

#### Class of 2022

Beverly Bonning  
Sulin Campbell  
Judy Dickinson

## 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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