



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
November 10, 2019

"This episode in the biblical story forces us to deal with one of life's most problematic questions: the question of violence...To help some, is God willing to harm others? Is God part of the violence in the world, and is violence part of God?"

- Brian McLaren

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 10, 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**

**Prelude** *The entry of the light.*

**Call to Worship**

Breath of God,  
Breath of life,  
Breath of deepest yearning,

*Come, Holy Spirit.*

Comforter,  
Disturber,  
Interpreter,  
Enthusier,

*Come, Holy Spirit.*

Friend,  
Lamplighter,  
Revealer of truth,  
Midwife of change,

*Come, Holy Spirit.*

The Lord is here.

*Let us worship God.*

**\*Hymn #53** *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Merciful God, we confess to what we are:  
we are not the people we like others to think we are;  
we are afraid to admit even to ourselves  
what lies in the depths of our souls.  
But we do not want to hide our true selves from you.  
We believe that you know us we are, and yet you love us.*

Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge;  
teach us to respect ourselves  
and affirm our uniqueness and worthiness;  
give us the courage to put our trust  
in your guidance and power.

*We also confess to you, Lord, the unrest of the world,  
to which we contribute and in which we share.*

Forgive our reliance on weapons of terror,  
*our cold indifference to the needs of others,*  
our discrimination against people of different races,  
*our hesitation to ask the hard questions,*  
our preoccupation with material standards.

*Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt  
into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**\*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**

*"The King of Love"*

# Prayer for Illumination

## Reading from Scripture

Deuteronomy 7:1-11 (*Pew Bible, page 158 - OT*)

## Sermon

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD

## Hymn #340 *This Is My Song*

## 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 #65** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\***Charge & Benediction**

\***Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Estelle McGroarty

Children's Message: Matt Phillips

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: Cindy Mackay; Bob and Connie Cullum

### Greeters

Rick Johnston and Bruce Augenstein

### Flowers

The flowers today are given today by Ted Hagan in memory of Dr. James Scott.

### 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

November 10 to November 17

#### **TODAY, 11/10**

Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship 11:00 a.m.  
MORE 11:15 a.m.

#### **MONDAY, 11/11**

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

#### **TUESDAY, 11/12**

Burcham Small Group 3:00 p.m.  
Admin and Finance 5:00 p.m.  
Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Committee Night 7:00 p.m.

#### **WEDNESDAY, 11/13**

Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.  
ESL Class 9:30 a.m.  
UKirk 7:30 p.m.  
Trivia at Reno's East 8:00 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, 11/14**

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, 11/17 UKirk Sunday**

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.*

### **Staff Out of Office**

Neil Myer will be out of the office from Nov. 13 to Nov. 15 for a UKirk board meeting. Kristin Stroble will be out of the office from Nov. 13 to Nov. 21 on vacation.



**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 through the sanctuary. During the first quarter of the year our theme is "Alive in the Story of Creation."

**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://eastminsterpresbyteria.n.home.blog/>

### **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 today after worship.

### **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** Monday, November 25th 7:00pm

This year's service will be hosted at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing (5509 South Pennsylvania, Lansing). The worship service will feature the Rev. Melvin T. Jones of Union Missionary Baptist Church and the Salus Center Choir.

### **Stewardship**

Thank you to everyone who has turned in their pledge cards! So far we have received 56 pledges, including 5 new ones.

If you haven't turned yours in yet, there is still time. Return them to the office, to Kristin or email them to [office@eastminsterchurch.org](mailto:office@eastminsterchurch.org).

Thank you for your faithfulness.

### **Time with UKirk Students**

Next Sunday is UKirk Sunday. The congregation is invited to stay after worship that day to learn more about UKirk's ongoing ministry and mission. There will be time to interact with student participants and hear what impact this ministry has had on them. Please join us in the Green Room for this special time.

## Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Jessica Mackay  
Kim Dickens  
Irene King  
Joe Walsh  
Blakely Lindemuler

## 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.*

**1315 Abbot Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823**

**Phone: 517-337-0893**

**[www.eastminsterchurch.org](http://www.eastminsterchurch.org)**