



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

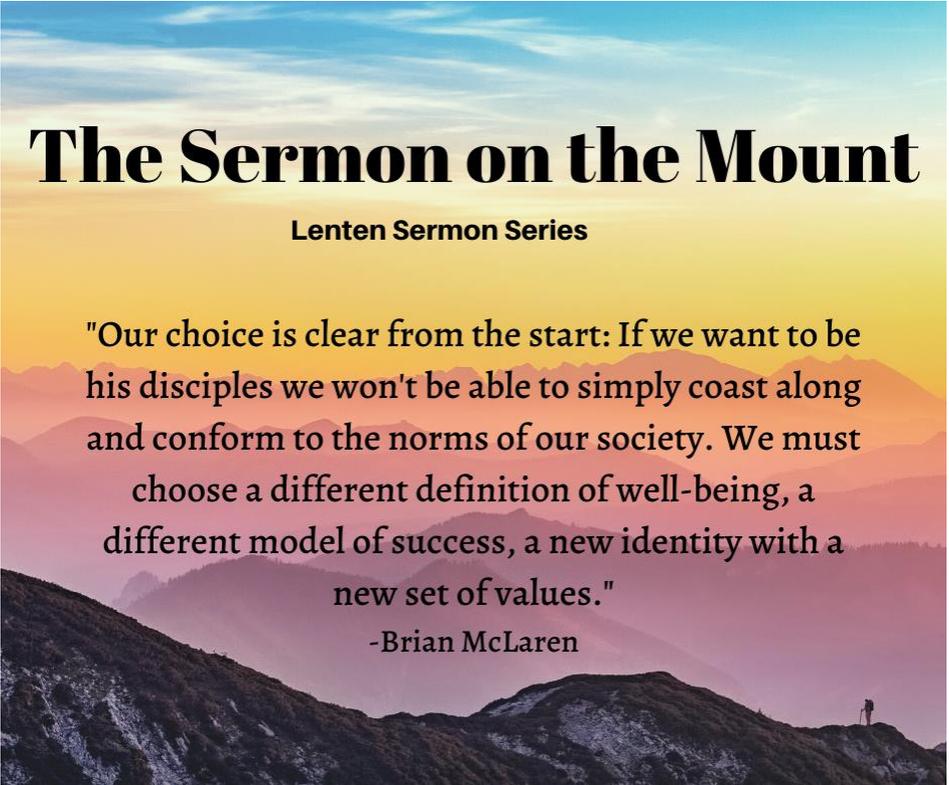
Service for the Lord's Day
March 1, 2020

The Sermon on the Mount

Lenten Sermon Series

"Our choice is clear from the start: If we want to be his disciples we won't be able to simply coast along and conform to the norms of our society. We must choose a different definition of well-being, a different model of success, a new identity with a new set of values."

-Brian McLaren



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 1, 2020

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

When we seek justice for the other,
when we love kindness more than ever,
we live as God asks us to live.

When we walk humbly through life,
when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,
we are the blessing God hopes we will be.

When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus,
when we choose weakness rather than power,
we reflect the One who is in our midst.

***Hymn #506** *Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*Holy One, we often feel beaten down by the world.
Numbed by our sorrow and grief,
we seek blessings for ourselves
rather than for those you call us to serve.*

*Wounded by careless words,
we lash out in our suffering
and hurt the very ones we love.*

*Weary of seeming weak and foolish,
we forsake humility and gentleness*

*and seek approval from those who need us
to be peacemakers and bridge builders.*

*Bless us, Holy One,
that we might be a blessing for others.
Fill us with a hunger and a thirst for righteousness,
that we may be pure in heart, merciful, and kind,
and walk humbly in your ways. Amen.*

(silent confession)

***Declaration of God's Grace**

***Congregational Response #694**

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the font of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
Sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

***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

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from Scripture

Matthew 5:1-16 (*Pew Bible, page 4 - NT*)

Sermon

Becoming Like Jesus: Being Blessed and Broken

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn #172 *Blest Are They*

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[#717]

***For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.***

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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

(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. There is an allergy-free bread station in the front, on the pulpit side.)

Prayer

* **Hymn #749** *Come! Live in the Light!*

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Elder Estelle McGroarty

Children's Message: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Communion Servers: Mike Jones, Gary Blanchard, Heather Heitman, Barb Dalzell

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; Terry Graham, Charlotte Altemeier

Greeters

<<to come>>

Flowers

The flowers today are given by XXX

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

March 1 through March 8

TODAY, 3/1 Communion

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

MONDAY, 3/2

Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m.
UKirk Student Dinner 6:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, 3/3

ESOL Class 9:30 a.m.
Burcham Small Group 3:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 3/4

Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
Small Group 11:00 a.m.
Lenten Supper 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Class 6:15 p.m.
UKirk 7:30 p.m.
Trivia at Reno's East 8:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 3/5

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, 3/8 Cents-ability

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship 11:00 a.m.
MORE 11:15 a.m.
Deacons 12:15 a.m.

AA: *Wed. & Thurs. 7 p.m.; Fri. 9:30 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.; Al-Anon: Thurs. 8:15 p.m*

MORE

**(Meaningful Opportunities for Reflection and Education)
Sundays at 11:15 am**

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 with music led by our choir director, Jadrian Tarver.

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.

Adult Class: Practices of Citizenship in the Kingdom of God

This class features a series of short videos to be followed by engaging discussion each week. The videos are to provide ways in which the Christian community can serve the world and at the same time be faithful to God's vision of the Peaceable Kingdom.



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 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.
- **Wednesday Small Group** meets at the church in the Green Room at 11 a.m.

Help us with our worship

visual: To mark and visualize our journey, we are creating a path throughout the sanctuary. During the second quarter of the year our theme is "Alive in a Global Uprising." I'd invite you to bring in or email to the office pictures that represent HOPE to you. Hope that might be found in an uprising of peace, freedom, justice, and compassion.

Blog: We have created a "We Make the Road by Walking" blog. Are you willing to write something? Let the office know or sign up in the Narthex. Check out the entries here: <https://eastminsterpresbyterian.home.blog/>

Wednesdays in Lent

Dinner: 5:30 pm-6:15 pm
Program: 6:15-7:30 pm

During the Wednesdays in Lent, March 4 - April 15, we invite you to join us for dinner and a discussion about what it means to be a Vital Congregation.

The world is changing and so is the church. Often, we fear this change; we look around and lament that the church is not what it once was. In the church, fear is often the enemy and keeps us from doing God's work. Using a process designed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency, each Wednesday we will ask the question, what makes a vital congregation? Where is the Spirit of God at work in Eastminster and where is the Spirit leading us to change? Christ is doing a new thing and our job as a people of God is to receive that new thing together and be a part of it.

We will also have an opportunity for children during the adult program time. Wednesday Wind Down will provide children with quiet activities, films and stories designed to help the children wind down and be ready for bed at the end of the evening. Nursery care will be provided for children three and under.

Please sign up in the Green Room for each Wednesday you plan on attending and if you are willing to bring soup or salad.

Eastminster Prayer Concerns

Please remember the following persons in your prayers:

Bill Cleary
Jeffrey O'Neill
Lynn Banninga
Dave Merchant II
Kim Dickens
Irene King
Joe Walsh
Blakely Lindemuler

Eastminster Church Officers

Elders

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Robin Bell
Dave Duryea
Mike Foster
Neil Myer

Class of 2021

Gary Blanchard
Mary Lou Clifton
Mary Harvey
Sam O'Neill

Class of 2022

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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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