



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
June 14, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
June 14, 2020 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Call to Worship

Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.

Hem us in behind.

Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.

Weave us together in hope and praise.

God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.

Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.

Draw us together and point us toward you.

In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship.

Amen.

Hymn #392 Jesus, We Are Here

1 Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus,
1 Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su,

*Leader: Wel - come, Je - sus.
Mam - bo Je - su.*

we are here; we are here for you.
ta - wa pa - no; ta - wa pa - no, mu zi - ta re - nyu.

2 Savior... 3 Teacher... 4 Spirit...

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of the wind and the sea,

You invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear.

You invite us to trust you, but we'd rather trust wind and gravity.

You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we have never been good at that.

You invite us to move - to change and take a risk -

But we stay planted where we are, afraid of the ways growth might hurt.

Forgive us for our self doubt and fear.

We believe, despite our unbelief.

Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Passing of the Peace

Take out your phone and text to a church member, friend or family member - "The Peace of Christ be with you."

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading *Matthew 14:22-33*

Sermon *Unraveled by Uncertainty*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *Unraveled by Uncertainty (Kingsfold)*

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019
Meter: CMD (8.6.8.6. D)

Tune: KINGSFOLD
Music: English County Songs, 1893

Piano 

Un - ra - veled by un - cert - ain - ty, the wa - ters stir our doubt,
The boat was bat - tered by the waves, the wind with fu - ry blew;
"Take heart, my friends!" he yelled at them as thund - er bashed their ears.
Then Je - sus saw his friend's di - stress and reached for Pe - ter's hand.
When doc - tors give the pain - ful news, when mem - ory starts to fade,

Pno. 

4
though sea sur - rounds us on all sides, our faith is in a drought.
what once was bad turned quick - ly worse, their dread - ful pa - nic grew.
"Fret not, for I AM with you now, God's strong - er than your fears."
He held him in the sa - vage storm, it ceased at his com - mand.
when bul - lets fly and child - ren die, and trust has been be - trayed,

Pno. 

8
When storms a - rise and weath - er turns, our ba - lance comes un - done,
But through the rain they saw a man who walked up - on the waves,
Then Pe - ter stepped out from the boat and walked to reach his friend,
Then Pe - ter saw his faith - ful friend, his source of sa - ving love;
come, Je - sus save us from the depths and hold our hands se - cure,

Pno. 

12
and right when we think all is lost, God's work has just be - gun.
they hoped that he would keep them safe from go - ing to their graves.
but soon dis - trac - tion took its toll, he start - ed to des - cend.
he knelt in praise and wor - shipped God, for strength sent from a - bove.
When cer - tain - ty seems but a dream, your stead - fast love en - dure.

Affirmation of Faith (by A Sanctified Art)

I believe in God, the Great Sewer -

Who weaves us together in community,

Collecting our loose ends and turning them into belonging.

I believe in the Holy Spirit -

Who hems us in before and behind,

Catching us when we fall and writing us into God's holy narrative.

And I believe in Jesus Christ -

Who loved and claimed the people society had thrown out, refusing to

disregard anyone as scrap.

*I believe God has woven part of God's self into the fiber of our being,
Making us inherently worthy of love and belonging.*

*I believe the fabric of my life is weak,
That I am prone to error and need God's handiwork to remind me of love.*

*I believe in the Church, and that like a quilt of different fabrics,
She is designed to be as diverse and beautiful as God's creation.*

*And I believe that when life unravels,
God is there to stitch my wounds together,
To hold me in the palm of God's hand, to tell me of love,
And to invite me into a new journey.
Amen.*

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation/ Pastoral Prayer

Comment on Facebook if you have a joy or concern to be shared. You can also email or call the church with prayer concerns. Tomorrow we will send a list of prayer concerns over email to our community.

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.

Offering

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Hymn #463 *How Firm a Foundation*

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Liturgist: Sulin Campbell

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

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