



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
July 26, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 26, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Sometimes life takes us where we don't expect.

Sometimes, God takes us where we don't expect.

In worship, we gather to get in touch with God's bigger narrative.

In worship, we gather to expand our hearts.

So let us worship the God of unending surprises.

Let us worship the God of love.

Hymn #351 *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

All Who Love and Serve Your City 351

1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
 2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
 3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
 4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the

bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
 work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
 Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
 cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our

peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
 word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
 world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
 judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37 / Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Creator God,

Being faithful has never been easy.

You asked Noah to build a ship.

You asked the Israelites to plant gardens and build homes in exile.

You asked the prophets to speak challenging truths.

You asked the disciples to drop their nets and follow you.

And you ask us to love bigger than society wants to.

Being faithful has never been easy, and as a result, we often miss the mark.

Forgive us for holding tightly to human-made plans.

Forgives us for the times we say no to you so that we can say yes to ourselves.

Unravel the grip we have on our agenda so that we can make room for you.

*Gratefully we pray,
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 *Jeremiah 29:1-7*

Sermon "Dear Eastminster..."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *Jeremiah Sent a Letter*

Jeremiah Sent a Letter

A Hymn Inspired by Jeremiah 29:1-7

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR

Meter: 8.7.8.7 D

Music: American Melody, 1830

Voice

1. Jer - e - mi - ah sent a let - ter to the folks in
2. Though they want - ed news of freed - om, he told them to
3. Some - times, Lord, we find our - selves in pla - ces we don't

4
Ba - by - lon. Long had they been stuck in dark - ness,
hunk - er down: "Build your hous - es, plant your gard - ens,
want to be; pla - ces full of pain and an - guish,

7
wait - ing for to greet the dawn. They had suff - ered
raise your child - ren in this town." Jer - e - mi - ah
pla - ces cra - ving ju - bi - lee. May we in the

10
much in ex - ile, toil - ing hard in angst and fear.
told the peo - ple, "make the best of your home here.
times of ex - ile serve our God cour - a - geous - ly.

13
Young and old were forced to la - bor, kept in place by sword and spear.
Seek the wel - fare of the ci - ty, through your lives, God's truth en - dear."
In the mo - ments of our tri - als, may we love all faith - full - y.

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 #250 *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

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Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

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