# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day August 2, 2020



#### ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 2, 2020

10:00 a.m.

#### **GATHERING**

**Prelude** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

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

#### Call to Worship

We come here to draw water -

Thirsty for new life.

We come here to draw water -

Bringing our past and our present, our messy truths and our deepest scars.

We come here to draw water -

Carrying shame, and in need of grace.

Fortunately for us, God always meets us at the well.

So breathe deeply and drink up.

God is here. The water is clean.

Let us worship God.

**Hymn #475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

#### Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession** 

Like the woman at the well, we so often are unraveled by shame.

We carry shame for broken relationships.

We carry shame for being unable to balance

work and parenting,

tithing and bills,

productivity and Sabbath.

We get stuck in a comparison game and in critical self-monologues,

Consumed with the nagging feeling that we should be able to do more.

Forgive us for forgetting that we are made in your image.

Forgive us for forgetting that you see us and love us as we are.

Unravel the shame that unravels us.

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

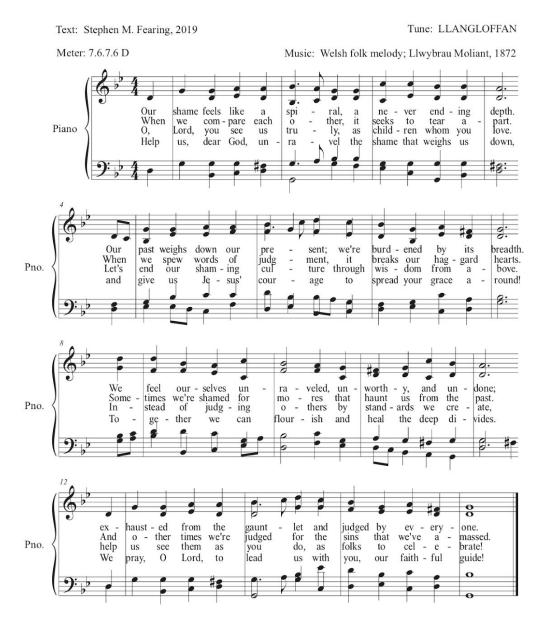
**Prayer for Illumination** 

**Scripture Reading** *John 4:1-29* 

**Sermon** Unraveled Shame

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Hymn** Our Shame Feels Like a Spiral



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

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.

#### Communion

Please have bread and juice, or some other type of liquid, prepared so that we can partake of communion together.

**Hymn #182** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10–14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

## **Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude** "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

# Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Communion: Rev. Kristin Stroble and Dr. Fred Graham

Scripture Reading: Thomas Corner, Claire Johnston, Rev. Kristin Stroble

Affirmation of Faith: Jim & Nancy Robertson Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver Tech Guru: Heather Myer

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