



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
August 16, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 16, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *"My Savior's Love"*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself.

For God loves us just as we are.

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

For all of us is welcome here -

scars and fears,

depression and doubt,

hope and joy,

light and laughter.

Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself.

For God longs to be with us, so let us worship the God of love.

Hymn #401 *Here in This Place*

Here in This Place

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

*We admit that there are things we sweep under the rug -
Shame, self-doubt, mental health struggles, and our own insecurities.*

We know that is not what you want for us,

For Jesus loved the healthy and sick parts of everyone.

With Jesus, there was no stigma, fear, or bias.

God of creation, help us to love and live in the same way.

*Forgive us when we hate ourselves or distance ourselves from others,
simply for being human.*

You long for better, and we long 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 *Mark 5:1-20*

Sermon *Battling Demons*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn *A Man in Wretched Agony*

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: DEO GRACIAS

Meter: 8.8.8.8 (LM)

Music: "The Agincourt Song," c. 1415

Piano

1. A man in wretch - ed a - go - ny
2. His flesh is bruised by ma - ny stones.
3. The de - mon's rule un - ra - vels fast;
4. The man, re - newed and pur - i - fied,
falls down 'fore Je - sus by the sea.
His bo - dy bent with bro - ken bones.
by Je - sus' word its reign is past.
begs Je - sus, "keep me by your side!"
The chains that bound him wrenched a - part;
He cries a - loud, his tor - ment great;
The peo - ple wond - ered at the sign,
But Je - sus bids him test - i - fy
he begs this de - mon to de - part.
long an - guished by his cru - el fate.
as de - mons leapt in - to the swine.
that God's mer - cy may mult - i - ply.

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

Your offerings support the mission and ministry of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. You can give online by going to <http://www.eastminsterchurch.org/give/online-giving/>

Hymn #839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Call to Worship: Jess Thorburn

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

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