



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
September 13, 2020



## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 13, 2020

10:00 a.m.

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### GATHERING

**Prelude** *"I'd Rather Have Jesus"*  
Alyssa Snelson, piano

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

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

#### **Threshold Moment & Lighting of Candles**

#### **Call to Worship**

**Hymn #388** *Come All You People*

*Come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;  
come all you people,  
come and praise your Maker;  
come now and worship the Lord.*

*Uyai mose,  
tinamate Mwari;  
uyai mose,  
tinamate Mwari;  
uyai mose,  
tinamate Mwari;  
uyai mose zvino.*

#### **Call to Confession**

##### **Prayer of Confession**

*Powerful and Gentle God, we come into your presence with thanksgiving. You invite us to gather together to witness to your saving love. Yet we fail to live out this call to love you and others every day. Forgive us for taking for granted the gifts of joy, love, comfort, and challenge that fill our lives. Forgive us for the ways we hoard your blessings. Stretch us and our understanding of worship, so that every time we*

*are sent out from this place we may leave as transformed disciples of your good news. Amen.*

**Silent Confession**

**Declaration of God's Grace**


**Sung Response #582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me***

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

**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 Readings** Psalm 148 and Exodus 19:10-19

## **Sermon**

“Call to Worship”  
Second in a Sermon Series on Worship

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Meditative Song**    *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

**Affirmation of Faith**    *I Celebrate the Church of Jesus Christ* by Ann Weems

*I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ,  
where two or three or thousands can gather together  
in the Lord's name  
and touch this world  
with the amazing good news that somebody cares,  
that God joins us in community so that someday  
this world will be loved to wholeness.*

*I celebrate this community,  
where the people say Yes in the face of No,  
where they light candles in the darkest night,  
where healing and compassion leave no time for self-righteousness,  
and the life-sustaining love of Christ is evident in the life of the believers.*

*I celebrate the church, where we dare to stand up,  
where risk runs rampant,  
and you and I and all Christ's disciples  
are called to follow  
even when it costs us something,  
something precious  
like our friends,  
like our respectability,  
like our future with the company.  
Let's celebrate the church of Jesus Christ.*

### **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 #301** *Let us Build a House*

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
 C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> C Dm



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)  
 F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)  
 Gm C7 B<sup>b</sup> F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)  
 Gm C F B<sup>b</sup>



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

*Refrain*

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F B<sup>b</sup> F



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

**Charge & Benediction**

## Postlude

### Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Acolyte: Lawson Temples

Call to Worship: Dan & Judy Dickinson, Linda Hardenbergh, Suzanne Hunt, Ruth Hartwig, Frank Moss, Sam O'Neill, Barb Stowitts

Liturgists: Jadrian Tarver, Terry Graham

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze and Alyssa Snelson

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Vocals: Phoenix Miranda, GeDeane Graham

Tech Guru: Heather Myer

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### SERMON SERIES: Why Worship?

*"Christian worship joyfully ascribes all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God. In worship the people of God acknowledge God present in the world and in their lives. As they respond to God's claim and redemptive action in Jesus Christ, believers are transformed and renewed. In worship the faithful offer themselves to God and are equipped for God's service in the world." (PCUSA Book of Order, W-1.1001)*

Have you ever wondered...

- Why do I need worship? Do I really need to come to church? Does it matter in these COVID days that I watch worship on my computer every week? Can't I just worship God on my own?
- Why do we say a prayer of confession, it's so depressing?
- Why does it seem like every time I show up for church, someone asks me for money?
- Why don't we start out with communion or the sermon? Why is our service organized the way it is?

Join us for this worship series all about worship. We will explore the PCUSA's reformed understanding of the theology of worship (it's interesting, thoughtful, and beautiful). Even while we can't gather in person, worship remains central to who we are as a church, so let's explore why.