

Service for the Lord's Day September 13, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 13, 2020

10:00 a.m.

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 and praise your Maker;

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



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 FaithI Celebrate the Church of Jesus Christ by Ann WeemsI celebrate the church of Jesus Christ,where two or three or thousands can gather togetherin the Lord's nameand touch this worldwith the amazing good news that somebody cares,that God joins us in community so that somedaythis 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

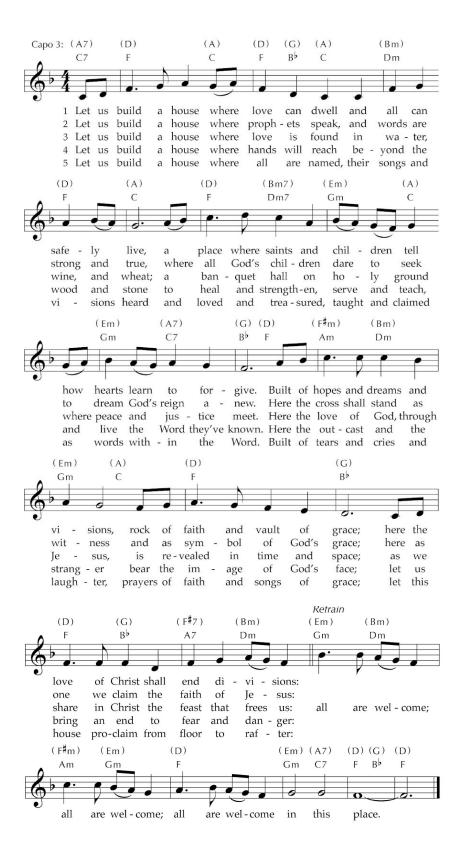
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into

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 <u>http://www.eastminsterchurch.org/give/online-giving/</u>

Hymn #301 Let us Build a House



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.