



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
September 27, 2020**



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 27, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *"There is None Like You"*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Threshold Moment & Lighting of Candles

Call to Worship *(by Jane O. Sorenson)*

L. Loving God, we come to you for truth,
that we might see clearly and that we might understand.

**P. *We come to you for comfort,
that we might be sustained and
that we might be understood.***

L. We come to you for challenge,
that we might be reminded that
our ways are not your ways and that we can change.

P. *We come to you, Holy One. We come to you.*

Hymn #463 *How Firm a Foundation*

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace,

*For our failure to love others as you have loved us,
forgive us.*

*For turning from your demanding truth and wandering towards easier options,
forgive us.*

*For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,
forgive us.*

*For losing heart and abandoning hope,
forgive us.*

*For all the ways we turn from you,
forgive us.*

We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ. 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^b F B^b F B^b 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^b E^b B^b 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 Reading Psalm 119:97-105

Sung Response #458 *Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet*

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Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my
 path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a
 light un-to my path. *Fine* When I feel a-fraid, and I
 think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me.
 Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
 Please be near me to the end. *Dsus D7 to Refrain*

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Sermon Proclamation
 Fourth in a Sermon Series on Worship

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Meditative Song

Affirmation of Faith *I Celebrate the Church of Jesus Christ* by Ann Weems
I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ.
I celebrate the healthy grieving for lost children.

*I celebrate the life-enhancing hope that brings
the piecing together of the scattered.
I celebrate the celebrants.
I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ,
whose supportive community
holds me when I'm tempted to give up,
enfolds me when I'm hurting,
affirms me, reaches out to me,
gives to me, receives from me.
I 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 #450 *Be Thou My Vision*

THE WORD

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F[♯]) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F[♯]m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F[♯]) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

TEXT: Irish poem; trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Irish ballad; harm. David Evans, 1927
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Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Acolyte: Lehman Temples

Liturgists: Mike & Ruth Foster, Ron Davis, Becky Jones Brown, Lacy & Laura Myer

Scripture Reading: Mike Brown, Barb Dalzell, Barb Lowes, Sue Kalvonjian

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

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.