



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
September 6, 2020



## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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10:00 a.m.

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### GATHERING

**Prelude**    *"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"*

#### **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 Teri Peterson*

We are many, yet one.

Scattered, yet united.

Whatever your gift -

teaching, giving, encouraging,

truth-telling, justice-seeking, trailblazing;

quiet caring, feeding, organizing,

challenging, subverting, provoking -

whatever your gift, you are needed.

You are wanted.

You matter to this Body,

and we cannot be who we are called to be without you.

So come, bringing your mind and your heart and your body and your spirit,

to love God with your whole self,

and to find yourself renewed and transformed.

Come, it is time to worship.

**Hymn #386**    *Come, Worship God*

1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;  
 2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;  
 3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;  
 4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!  
 held in your hands are the depths of the earth.  
 you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.  
 o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion  
 Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,  
 Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;  
 Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.  
 God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.  
 great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!  
 trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

## Call to Confession

**Prayer of Confession** *vvby Beth Merrill Neel*

***Holy God, we will be honest: this is really hard. It is really hard to wear masks, to avoid public gatherings, to spend so much time watching screens. We're losing patience and we're losing hope and we're losing our grip on faith. We're caught between the selfishness of wanting to do whatever we want without regard for others, and wanting to be helpful and generous. Please help us. Help us to lean on you and each other when things get hard and we get depressed. Remind us every day that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Encourage our hearts, and help us to***

*be your people, to the best of our ability in these strange days. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who is with us always. 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**

*Startle us, O God, with your truth  
 and open our hearts and our minds to your wondrous love.  
 Speak your word to us;  
 silence in us any voice but your own*

*and be with us now as we turn our attention,  
our minds and our hearts, to you,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Scripture Readings** 1 Corinthians 16:1-4, 1 Thessalonians 5:26-38, Romans  
16:1-4, 2 Timothy 4:9-14

**Sermon** "The Announcements"  
First in a Sermon Series on Worship

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Meditative Song** "All Belong Here" The Many

#### **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 #295** *Go to the World!*

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
 Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
 for I am with you till the age shall end,  
 bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"  
 Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Charge & Benediction

### Benediction Response

*Clare Benediction*  
 Sue Rosser, soprano

### Postlude "Let All Things Now Living"

#### Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Communion: Rev. Kristin Stroble and Rev. Becky Jones Brown

Liturgists: Barbara Lowes, Brenda Ramsby, Sacha Roennecke, Amanda Lanier

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Soloist: Sue Rosser

Tech Guru: Heather Myer

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