



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
October 11, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 11, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Threshold Moment & Lighting of Candles

Call to Worship

L. This worship service has been prepared for us
to come with songs of thanksgiving
and stories of blessings.

***P. We thank God for joy, for laughter,
for abundant blessings of every kind.***

L. Come with your gifts. Come with your talents.
Come and share what has been given to you.

***P. God has provided so much - even this day.
So let us raise our voices and celebrate.***

Hymn #14 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Gracious Creator, you have given us so much,
 but too often we take those gifts for granted
 or as something to which we are entitled.*

*You call us to live in caring community,
 but too often we place our wants and needs first,
 with those of others a distant second.*

***You call us to share your gifts with the world around us,
but we are worried that there may not be enough,
and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.***

***For all the times when we mistreat and misuse your gifts,
for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves,
forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom. 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, ♪ 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, ♪ 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, ♪ 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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Sermon The Offering
Sixth in a Sermon Series on Worship

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Meditative Song *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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

I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ.

I celebrate the trust we hold,

the spirit we share,

the attitude of partnership.

I celebrate that love lives among us,

that God's spirit pervades our being, our community.

I see God's face within the lives of these celebrants.

I hear God's voice in the vision of people who call us

to a better way, a higher hope.

For God works miracles in common clay pots,

Changing caterpillars to butterflies and water to wine,

Changing seeds to oak trees and night to day,

Changing winter to springtime,

Changing lives from ordinary to abundant.

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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/>

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Acolyte: Lawson Temples

Liturgists: Garry & Sherri Blanchard, Donnie Reinhard

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.