



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
October 18, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 18, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Threshold Moment & Lighting of Candles

Call to Worship

If you have an instrument...PLAY!

If you have a voice...SING!

If you have rhythm...DANCE!

If you have the breath of life...

join the chorus of creation,

And let's worship God!

Hymn #15 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Unison

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth-er wind with clouds and rain, you nur-ture gifts
 3 O broth-er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad-
 4 All who for love of God for-give, all who in pain

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ows of the night. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 or sor-row grieve, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

O broth-er sun with gold-en beam, O sis-ter moon
 O sis-ter wa-ter, flow-ing clear, make mu-sic for
 Dear moth-er earth, who day by day un-folds such bless-
 Christ bears your bur-dens and your fears; so, e-ven in

Harmony

with sil-ver gleam, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais-es! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 Sing praises! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession by Rev. Teri Peterson

O God, you call us to sing your song anew, yet we confess that sometimes we don't feel much like singing. Sometimes we just want to sing of the past. Other times we ignore the witness of your people singing out through the ages. Forgive us when we trap you good news in our preferred language, when we insist that your grace must be known through our approved tunes, when we limit your story to the good old days. Forgive us when we keep our voices low and our feet firmly planted, refusing to join you in the song and dance of holy life. Open our lips, O God, that we may proclaim your praise. 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."

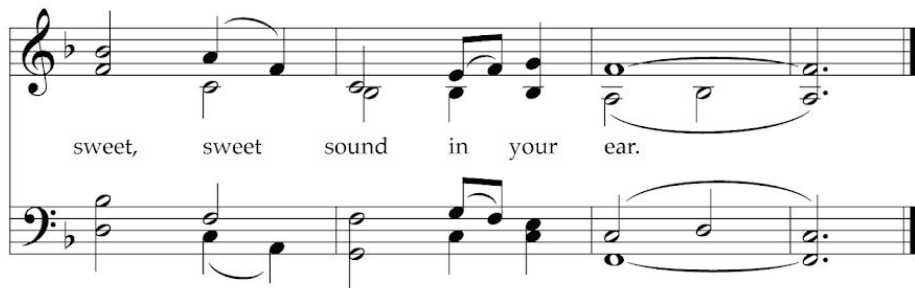
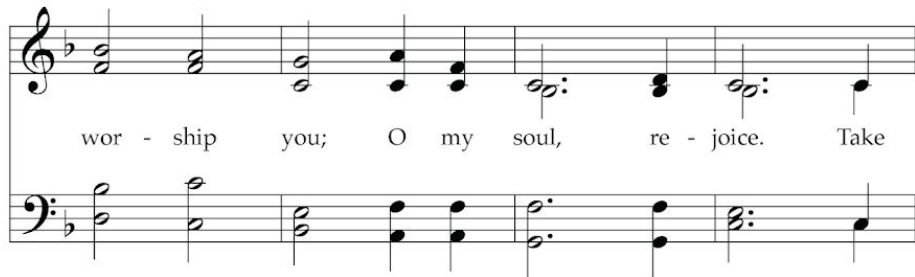
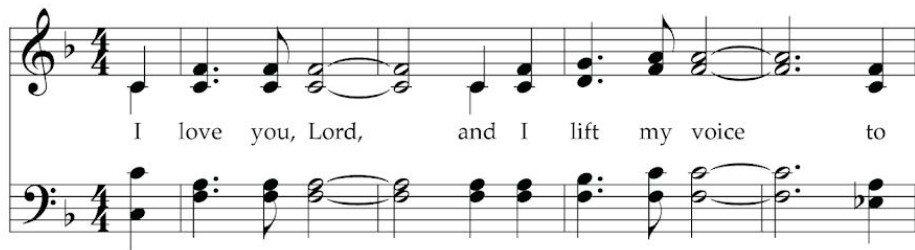
PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Colossians 3:12-17

Hymn #627 *I Love You, Lord*



Scripture Reading Psalm 150

Sermon Singing and Praise
Seventh in a Sermon Series on Worship

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Special Music "Hymn Medley"
Heather Myer, Bells

Affirmation of Faith ***I Celebrate the Church of Jesus Christ*** by Ann Weems
***We as God's celebrants dance through this world together
listening for God's music,
responding to God's word,
praising God with clapping hands and moving feet,
praising God with justice and mercy and humbleness,
praising God with changed lives.***

***Let's celebrate the church of Jesus Christ
where the wonderful wildness of God
breaks through common clay pots
and fills us with a holy spirit that overflows
and we see rainbows,
many-splendored colors,
light in pitch darkness -
and every day is a festival of faith!***

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.

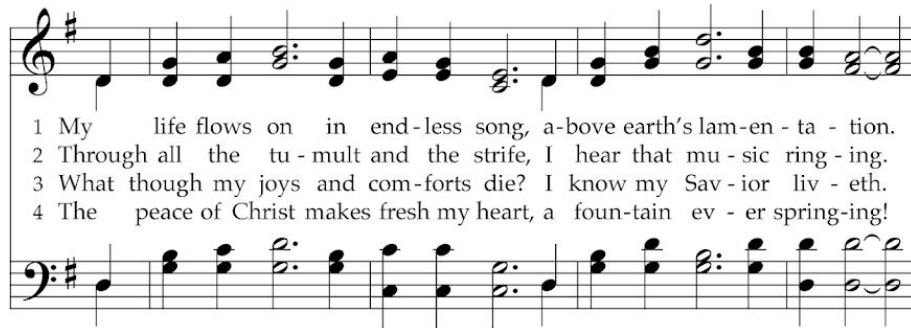
Offering
Your offerings support the mission and ministry of Eastminster Presbyterian Church. You can give online by going to <http://www.eastminsterchurch.org/give/online-giving/>

Hymn #821 *My Life Flows On*

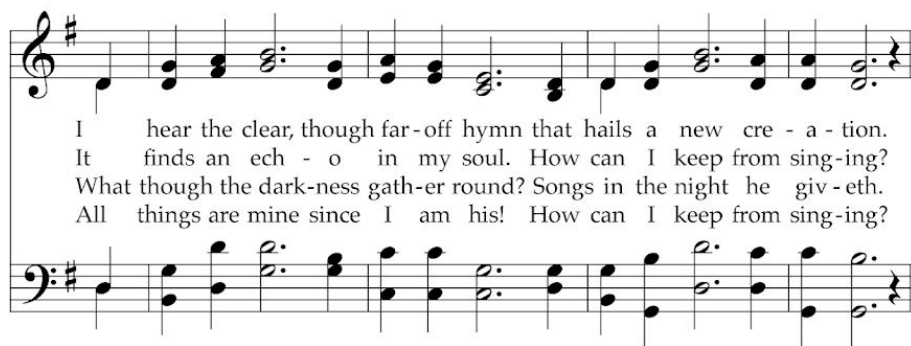
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My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

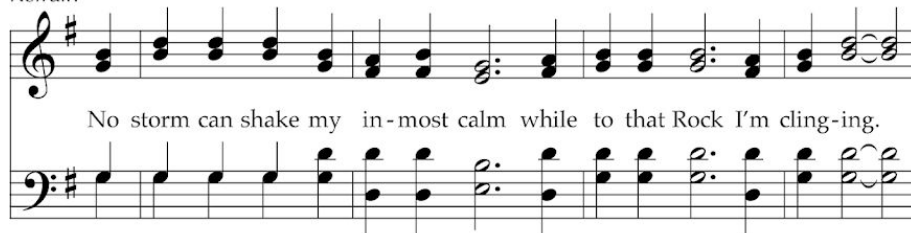


1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Acolyte: Jacob Giddings

Liturgists: Judy Dunn, Bob Kleine, Judy Karandjeff

Children's Message: Robin Bell

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.