



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
November 15, 2020



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 15, 2020

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Threshold Moment & Lighting of Candles

Call to Worship

Can you imagine unfettered love?

Free and bold, wild and true, the kind of love that changes you?

Can you imagine a home - safe and bright,

With impromptu dancing, meals around table, and laughter late into the night?

Can you imagine faith like a compass

That guides the way you shop and vote, the way you love and hope;

That asks questions and yet still believes, even despite uncertainty?

Can you imagine a world where trees, bees, and all living things grow wild and free?

Where peace is the narrative and hope the currency?

A world where news stories are testimonies and funerals are far between?

Can you imagine?

Yes, we can imagine.

Today in worship, dare to dream. Dare to imagine what could be.

And pay attention, for God is here, in wandering thoughts, hopes, and prayers.

Let us worship holy God, that great unfettered love.

Hymn #372 *O for a World*

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns in the bass line.

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of Grace,

You invite us to dream of a better world,

But instead we bury our heads in the sand.

We are afraid to recognize how much must change.

We are afraid, because if we know the truth, then don't we have a job to do?

So instead, more often than not, we maintain the status quo.

We passively allow things to stay the same.

We don't speak out; we don't imagine a new day.

We don't dream of a world without racism, sexism, bigotry, or shame.

Instead we allow ourselves to believe that some things will never change.

Forgive us. Show us the way. Teach us to dream.

Teach us to imagine again.

Humbly we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Reception of New Members

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 Leviticus 19:9-10; 25:8-12 and Mark 12:38-44

Sermon "Reimagine"
Third Sermon in a Series on Stewardship

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reimagining

Affirmation of Faith

*We believe in God the Creator,
who, like a painter with a canvas,
imagined creation and breathed it into being.*

*We believe in Jesus,
who many years later,
walked this hurting world and showed us a new way to love.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who prods us and pulls us,
leads us and guides us,
carries us and loves us into new life, day after day.*

*And we believe in the power of imagination,
a gift from God that allows us to dream dreams,
create anew, start over, try again, and live lives of hope.*

*So in response, together, as God's church,
We dare to dream.
We strive to love.*

*We try to imagine a new day.
And we walk together,
all with God's help.
Amen.*

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 #744 Arise, Your Light is Come!

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Arise, Your Light is Come!". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are provided below the vocal lines. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Acolyte: Jacob Giddings

Liturgists: Robin Bell, Ron Davis, Linda Hardenbergh, Brenda Ramsby, Suzanne Hunt, Barb Stowitts

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Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

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