



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
January 10, 2021



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 10, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine*

Threshold Moment

Call to Worship *(by Beth Merrill Neel, Holdfasttowhatisgood.com)*

A voice beckons in the morning, saying,

"You are my Beloved."

It is the voice of One we see dimly, we hear faintly.

We reach out for that voice, for the One who has claimed us in love.

In this time together, may we hear the voice of God who shepherds us with love and grace.

And let us worship God.

Hymn #5 *God the Sculptor*



1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the
 2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the



mill - er of the sand, God the jewel - er of the
 cleav - er of the sea, God the pil - lar in the
 plant - er of the wheat, God the reap - er of the
 calm, de - ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing



heav - ens, God the pot - ter of the land:
 dark - ness, God the bea - con of the free:
 har - vest, God the source of all we eat:
 proph - et, God the res - ur - rect - ed truth:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion;
 you are fount of all de - liv - erance;
 you are host at ev - ery ta - ble;
 you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment;



we are form - less; shape us now.
 we are aim - less; lead us now.
 we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 we are search - ing; meet us now.

Despite the great sweep of these stanzas, each one ends by describing how our human condition needs God's help: formless, aimless, hungry, searching. Each of these adjectives is followed by a related three-syllable petition: shape us now, lead us now, feed us now, meet us now.

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*God our Creator, we confess
 that we are broken, sinful creatures.*

*You made us in your own image,
but we tarnish your good name.
You call us your beloved children,
but we take your favor for granted.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Pour out your mercy upon us
so that we may live in a way
that is pleasing to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

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 *from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)*

*In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-5

Scripture Reading Mark 1:4-11

Sermon *Torn Apart*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Remembrance of Baptism

Have a bowl of water within reach.

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 #547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *O Zion, Haste*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Acolyte: Lacy Myer

Liturgist: Mike Brown

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

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