



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
January 31, 2021



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 31, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Threshold Moment

Call to Worship Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

***Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea.***

"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Hymn #392 Jesus, We Are Here

1 Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus,
1 Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su,

Leader: Wel - come, Je - sus.
Mam - bo Je - su.
we are here; we are here for you.
ta - wa pa - no; ta - wa pa - no, mu zi - ta re - nyu.

2 Savior,... 3 Teacher,... 4 Spirit,...

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *from A Wee Worship Book*

Because you made the world,
and intended it to be a good place,
and called its people your children;
because, when things seemed at their worst,
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us;
so, gracious God, we gladly say:

***Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness,
Truth is stronger than lies.***

Because confusion can reign inside us,
despite our faith;
because anger, tension, bitterness and envy
distort our vision;
because our minds sometimes worry small things out of all proportion;
because we do not always get it right,
we want to believe:

***Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness,
Truth is stronger than lies.***

Because you have promised to hear us,
and are able to change us,
and are willing to make our hearts your home,
we ask you to confront,
control, forgive and encourage us,
as you know best.

(silent prayer)

Then let us cherish in our hearts
that which we proclaim with our lips:

***Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate,
Light is stronger than darkness,
Truth is stronger than lies.***

Lord, hear our prayer,
and change our lives
until we illustrate the grace
of the God who makes all things new. Amen.

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

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

Sermon Half Truth: God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Special Music *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Bell Quartet

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 #687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
thou art God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Charge & Benediction "Blessed with Discomfort" from *The Work of the People*

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Acolyte: Lehman Temples

Liturgists: Mary Lou Clifton, Nixon Family

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

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