



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
February 21, 2021



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *Agnus Dei from Mass in G Major by Franz Schubert*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Threshold Moment

Hymn #411 *God is Here Today*

Capo 2: (D) (A7) (Bm) (D7) (G)
E B7 C#m E7 A



God is here to - day; as cer - tain
Dios es - tá a - quí, tan cier - to co - mo el

(A7) (D) (D7) (G)
B7 E E7 A



as the air I breathe, as cer - tain
ai - re que res - pi - ro, tan cier - to co - mo

(A7) (D) (A/C#) (Bm) (D/A)
B7 E B/D# C#m E/B



as the morn - ing sun that ris - es, as
la ma - ña - na se le - van - ta, tan

(G) (A7) (D)
A B7 E



cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.
cier - to co - mo que le can - to y me pue - de o - ír.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God meets us where we are -

There is nowhere we can go that you are not.

You were with Jesus at his baptism.

You were with him in the wilderness,

And even in between, you were there,

Saying aloud, "This is my beloved."

We know that you are with us too -

In the good, the bad, and everything in between -

But so often we act like we are alone.

Instead of coming to you with our hurt,

We hold it in or cast it onto others.

Instead of coming to you with our joy,

We credit ourselves and offer you nothing.

How can we long for a deeper relationship with you

While living like you are nowhere to be found?

Forgive our self-centered ways.

Remind us that in every breath, in every step, you are there.

You are the God who meets us where we are.

Before and behind, above and below, within and around. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Congregational Response #447 *We Are Forgiven*

Chords: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
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To sing, rather than simply say, a response to the Declaration of Forgiveness has the effect of making the moment both more affirmative and more corporate. The musical repetition of the two sentences also strengthens awareness of what it means to be assured of God's pardon.

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 Genesis 9:8-17

Scripture Reading Mark 1:9-15

Sermon *Again & Again, God Meets Us*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Special Music *Again and Again*
A Song for Lent from The Many

Affirmation of Faith

*We believe in a God who is everywhere and right here,
Bigger than the sky and in the smallest details,
All at once and in every moment.*

*We believe that God meets us where we are -
In heartbreak and high hopes,
Around crowded tables and in quiet homes,
In joy and in suffering,
In loneliness and in connection,
In sanctuaries and in living rooms,
In marches and in waiting rooms.*

*We believe that nothing we do or leave undone
Can distance us from God's love.
God is forever drawing us close and pulling us in.
Again and again, God meets us where we are
And invites us into wholeness.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.*

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

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.

Hymn #471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
 Or The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O
 all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song; the

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
 Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

This chant from the Taizé Community in France is provided with two sets of words, either of which can be used as best suits the occasion. The first text is based on Psalm 102:1-2, and the second is an amalgam of phrases drawn from Psalms 118:14, 25:5, 36:9, and John 4:14.

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 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982
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HEAR MY PRAYER
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Pastoral Prayer & 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

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Hymn #543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Forty Days and Forty Nights*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Acolyte: Tony Boyne
Liturgists: Mary Harvey, Norm Mackay
Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer
Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver
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