



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
March 14, 2021



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

March 14, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

Welcome & Announcements

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

Threshold Moment

Hymn #284 *Holy Spirit, Come to Us*

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us; kin - dle in us the fire of your love.
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus, tu - i a - mo - ris i - gnem ac - cen - de.

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Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

The original text of this chant from Taizé is a shortened version of a text sung in the Latin mass after the reading of the gospel on Pentecost. The full text can be translated: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and ignite the fire of your love within them."

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1998
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1998
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TUI AMORIS IGNEM
Irregular

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of love

We forget the beginning of the story -

That we were made from love, to be love, to give love.

Instead of rooting our narrative in the goodness refrain of creation,

We skip ahead and find our worth at the fall,

With Cain and Abel, lost in the wilderness.

We forget that first there was you, and you are love.

We forget that out of that love you created us.

We forget that from the very first day, you loved first.

We forget, because a love like that doesn't make sense to us.

Forgive our low self-esteem.

Forgive our resistance to love ourselves.

Forgive our hesitation to trust that even we could be made good.

And forgive our tendency to pass that doubt on - from generation to generation.

Write a new beginning for us that roots our confidence in your unrelenting love.

With hope we pray, again and again. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Congregational Response #447 We Are Forgiven

FORGIVENESS

447 We Are Forgiven

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The chords indicated above the notes are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

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 Ephesians 2:1-10

Scripture Reading John 3:14-21

Sermon *Again & Again, God Loves First*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Special Music *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Tamar and Alex Mikeladze

Affirmation of Faith

*We believe God is love -
Unconditional, constant love.*

*We believe this love exists for all,
Choosing each and every one of us,
Day after day,
Again and again and again.*

*We believe that God's love is like a river.
Rivers cannot help but flow toward the sea.
God's love cannot help but move toward us.
We are swimming in it.*

*We believe that God loved first.
We believe that God breathed life into dust.
We believe that God said, "This is good,"
And because we believe that God loved first,
We strive to build lives that reflect God's love.
May we begin again here. Amen.*

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.

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

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 #618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

ADORATION

618

O Love, How Deep,
How Broad, How High

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us by wick - ed - ness be - trayed, for us, in
 4 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 5 All glo - ry to our Lord and God, for love so

thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 crown of thorns ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 went on high to reign; for us he sent the
 deep, so high, so broad: the Trin - i - ty whom

God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 sharp he knew, for us, the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 Spir - it here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 we a - dore for - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
Acolyte: Lawson Temples
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