



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
March 21, 2021



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

March 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *Ah, Holy Jesus* by Crüger

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

Gracious God,

We want to see you.

We want to be known as the people who looked for Jesus;

But not only that, we want to be people

who have your covenant written on our hearts.

Why do we feel so far away from that at times?

What went wrong?

Where did we lose our way?

Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile hearts?

We would be so grateful.

Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Grace

Congregational Response #447 *We Are Forgiven*

FORGIVENESS

447

We Are Forgiven

Musical score for 'We Are Forgiven' in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Chord symbols: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

Lyrics:
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.

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.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1995
Music © 1995 Hal H. Hopson

WE ARE FORGIVEN
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Passing of the Peace

As a forgiven people, let us now share the peace of Christ with one another.

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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

Scripture Reading John 12:20-33

Sermon *Again & Again, We are Reformed*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Meditative Piece *God So Loved the World from the Oratorio Crucifixion by J. Stainer*

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that flowers need the rain.

We believe that humans need community.

We believe that bodies need rest.

We believe that hearts need connection.

We believe that mornings need sunrise.

We believe that seasons need change.

We believe that grief needs space.

We believe that change needs time.

We believe that love needs security.

We believe that pain needs art.

We believe that joy needs company.

We believe that our spirits need God.

Again and again, our spirits need God. Fortunately for us, we trust that God is here.

God is at work in our lives.

God is a lighthouse keeper that never gives up. Thanks be to God.

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

The Lord Is My Song

471

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.

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 #692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

Fine

to Refrain

Charge & Benediction

Postlude *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Acolyte: Lehman Temples

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Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

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