



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
May 9, 2021



# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 9, 2021

10:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

**Prelude**    *Where He Leads Me*

### **Welcome & Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

### **Threshold Moment**

**Hymn #667**    *When Morning Gilds The Sky*

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

## **Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** *by Beth Merrill Neel*

*O Holy God, we know we have fallen short.*

*We turn our backs when we could embrace.*

*We remain silent when we could speak.*

*We speak when we could listen.*

*We close the door when we could fling it wide open.*

*We judge when we could seek understanding.*

*We cling when we could give.*

*Forgive us, O God, for being so very human at times, and help us to continue to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Silent Confession**

## **Declaration of God's Grace**

**Congregational Response #232** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (vs 4)

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!*

*praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!*

*Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!*

*Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

## **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** Acts 15:1-15a

**Sermon** *Some Things are Hard to Talk About*

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Special Music** *Amazing Grace*  
*Handbell Choir*

**Affirmation of Faith** *from a Brief Statement of Faith*  
*We trust in God the Holy Spirit,*

*everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
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.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

### **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.*

### **Pastoral Prayer/ 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 #767**    *Together We Serve*

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,  
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,  
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,  
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.  
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.  
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,  
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,  
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.  
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.  
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.  
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

**Charge & Benediction** *The Work of the People Video*

**Postlude** *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Liturgists: Heather Myer, Brenda Ramsby

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Handbells: Becky Brown, Debi Cox, Terry Graham, Linda Hardenbergh, Megan Jones

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

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