



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
October 3, 2021



Break Open | Lisle Gwynn Garrity

WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshiping with us in-person or online, you are welcome here.

Information about our church is found in the narthex or online: eastminsterchurch.org. At the welcome table or on our website, you can sign up for our weekly emails.

After worship please join us outside for refreshments and a time of fellowship.



In an effort to keep our community safe and to love our neighbor, we are requiring masks in the building regardless of vaccination status. For those who desire more space, the service will be playing in the Green Room (west of the sanctuary).

Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Your child can sit with you in the pew, sit in the space created for children at the front of the sanctuary or right now in the back of the sanctuary on the padded chairs. We have not yet resumed childcare, so if you are worried about your child getting a little wiggly or loud you can also worship in the Green Room where your child will have more space to move.

This is a livestream worship service, and the camera and microphones are on the whole time. While the camera is most often focused on the front of the sanctuary, there is a chance that you will be captured on camera. We do turn the camera off during the children's sermon and have that part audio only. If you would prefer to stay out of the camera's eye, you're encouraged to sit on the left side of the sanctuary.

** Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.
ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 3, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Call to Worship

Opening Song *Bringing Our Questions*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession | Truth telling

*Gracious God,
sometimes life feels like cooking with flour -
it looks like it should be easy, but we always make a mess.
This is particularly true when it comes to our relationships.
We so desperately long to say the right thing,
to be the right thing, to find the right solution,
that we overstep the line.
Forgive us for assuming the place you fill.
Forgive us for imagining that we, in all our humanity,
could possibly fix all the hurt in this world.
Instead, give us the grace and the strength
to stand by our loved ones in their moments of need
to witness their hurt without trying to fix it.*

***You are God. We are not. Teach us how to be a friend.
Teach us how to ask, "What do you need?"
Teach us how to point to you.
Gratefully we pray. Amen.***

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace** *(Share the peace of Christ with the person next to you)*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

*God of long winters and longer summers,
in the words of Paul, do your best to come to us quickly.
Come to us with loud praise and joy,
or appear to us in a still, small voice.
Come to us through friends,
or come to us through strangers.
Come to us in this text and in this hour of worship,
and come to us quickly if you can.
We are seeking you.
We are always seeking you.
With grateful hearts cracked open by love, we pray.
Amen.*

Scripture Reading Job 2:11-13

Scripture Reading 2 Timothy 4:9-18

Sermon I've been meaning to ask...what do you need?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection -Where do you need?

When in your life have you asked for help? Did you get the help you needed?

Share about a time you needed help, but didn't ask for it. What do you wish you could have changed about that experience?

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in relationships.

***We believe in asking hard questions,
in showing up for one another,
and in sitting together through the pain.***

***We believe in listening with grace,
learning with curiosity,
and apologizing with sincerity.***

***We believe in asking for help,
saying what we need,
and trusting that no degree of vulnerability
could strip us of God's love.***

***We believe in trying our best
and offering grace
when our best is not enough.***

***And we believe that God is in all relationships -
modeling for us the value of community
through the relationships of the Trinity.***

So we love today,

*and we strive to love
even more tomorrow.
Let it be so. Amen.*

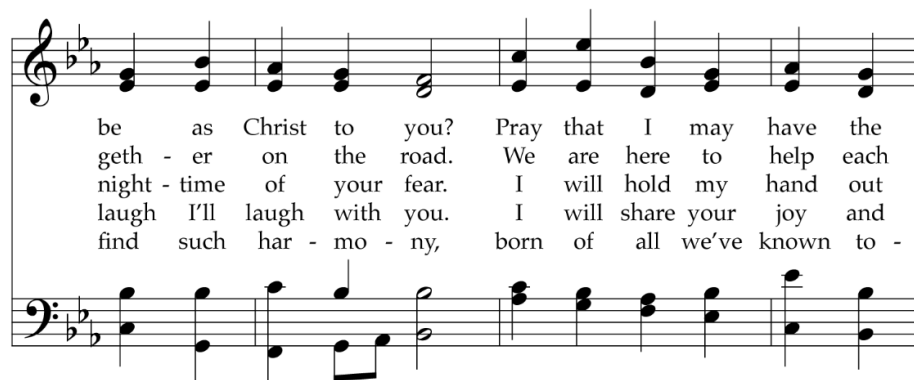
Communion and Lord's Prayer (*If you are worshiping online, please have your own elements prepared. For those who are gathered in-person, we will partake of the bread and juice outside directly after the service.*)

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.

***Hymn #727** *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Estelle McGroarty

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

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Ushers

Head usher: Barb Stowitts

Greeter

Jan Coye

Flowers

The flowers today are placed to the glory of God.

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble

Pastor

Rev. Shirley Paxton

Parish Advisor

Neil Myer

Director of Christian Education

Bridgette Redman
Tamar Mikeladze
Heather Myer

Office Administrator
Organist
Bell Choir Director and Video Producer

This Week at Eastminster:

Oct. 3 through Oct. 10

TODAY, 10/3

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Small Group	11:15 a.m.
Eastminster Crop Walk	2:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 10/4

Worship Committee	10:30 a.m.
Trivia at Royal Scott	7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 10/5

Mission Committee	1:30 p.m.
Bell Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 10/6

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Admin & Finance Committee	1:00 p.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 10/7

Cultured Purls	10:00 a.m.
30s/40s group	7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 10/9

Advent House	9:45 a.m.
Page Turners	10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 10/10

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Small Group	11:15 a.m.
Deacons	12:00 p.m.

Worship and Christian Education Series

“I’ve been Meaning to Ask...” Our worship series centers around four guiding questions: “Where are you from? Where does it hurt? What do you need? Where do we go from here?” The series will run five weeks and there will be weekly small group opportunities on Wednesday mornings (started Sept. 15), and Sunday after worship (started last week).

Virtual Crop Walk

Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk registration is open. In 2021, CROP Hunger Walk will continue to fight against the challenges of disease, disaster, displacement and other concerns that leave people hungry. Please consider joining the Eastminster family as we raise funds to help neighbors near and far get the meals they need for today and sustainable food security for tomorrow!



There are three ways to participate:

- Donate
- Walk on your own, donate and solicit donations from friends and neighbors
- Join the Eastminster Pres (East Lansing) team coordinated by Mary Harvey (mharvey.pk@gmail.com) and walk together on Sunday, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

If you do not participate on the Eastminster team, please register at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/lansingmi>

Advent House “Serving”

In the past, Eastminster provided meals one Saturday a month at Advent House. At that time we recruited 10 members to prepare pan meals and additional 2 – 3 people to cook and serve the meals on the second Saturday of the month. This year we are trying something different; we are planning to recruit 8 church members to prepare 8 identical sack lunches.



The lunches should include:

- Sandwich (no peanut butter) or Quesadilla
- A drink box or small drink bottle or can
- Small bag of chips or granola bar or cheese and cracker packet
- Fresh fruit or a small fruit cup or a small cup of applesauce or a small box of raisins or dried cranberries
- Sandwich bag with small carrots and small celery sticks and/or sliced cucumbers (or other fresh vegetables such as cherry tomatoes) with small container of dip
- Pudding cup or yogurt cup

The bag should include a plastic spoon, and the front of the bag should indicate the contents. The sack lunches should be delivered to the church on the second Saturday of the month by 10:00 am. They can be dropped off on Friday upon arrangement. Our first date for delivery is October 9, 2021.

If you would be willing to provide a set of 8 sack lunches for the October 9 delivery, please contact Bridgette Redman, the Church Office Administrator, at 517-337-0897 or office@eastminsterchurch.org.

Cultured Purls Returns

After a pandemic-enforced separation, the Cultured Purls, Eastminster's knitting group, will resume meeting from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday, starting on Oct. 7.

New Directories

There are new church directories in the Narthex where prior week bulletins are.

Peace & Global Witness Offering

One of the special offerings of the PC(USA), a gift to this offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations keep 25% of the offering to use in their community. We are designating our portion to Refugee Services at STVCC to aid in the resettling of Afghans in our community. To donate go to our website eastminsterchurch.org and go to the "Give" tab or bring/mail your offering to the church.