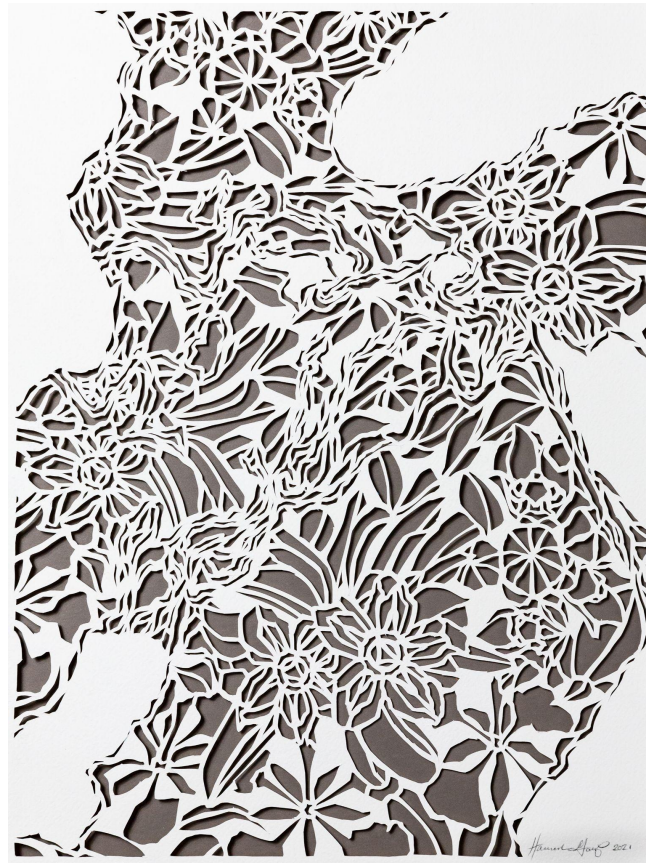




# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
September 19, 2021**



Four Rivers of Eden | Hannah 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](http://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

September 19, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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## **GATHERING**

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

### **\*Call to Worship**

We are from north and south.

*We are from tiny apartments and expansive homes.*

We are from this city and from others far away.

*We are from big families and dinners made for one.*

We are from stages of grief and stages of love.

*We are from hot summers and cold winters.*

We are from kitchens and passed down recipes,  
and front porches with old, familiar swings.

*We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.*

We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.


*Today we are together.*

Holy God, gather us in.

**Hymn**    A Covenant of Grace

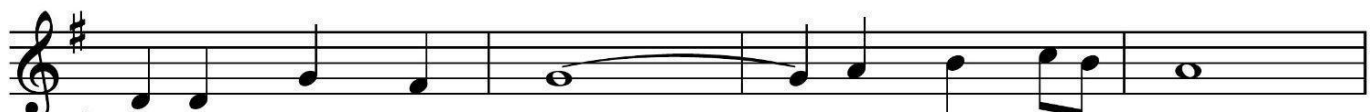
Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: Traditional English melody




We all come from the dus - ty earth  
We all have wounds that no one sees  
We all need peo - ple who will be  
Sur - prised by God's un - bound - ed love

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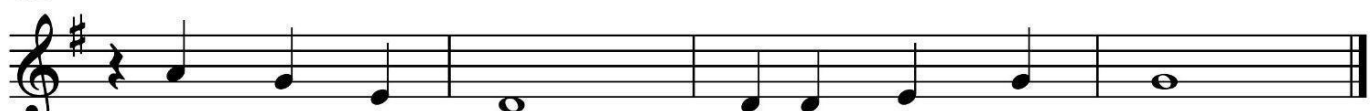
And from the pla - ces of our birth  
Op - press - ion, trou - ma, and dis - ease  
With us in sol - i - dar - i - ty  
From ma - ny walks of life we come

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An - ces - tral sto - ries who we'll be  
When we bear wit - ness to the pain  
No ex - pla - na - tion, no de - fense  
To build a cov - e - nant of grace

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We bring it all to come and see  
It can be - gin to heal a - gain  
Just min - is - try of their pres - ence  
And in our diffr - enc - es em - brace

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession | Truth telling

When people heard that Jesus was from Nazareth,  
they asked, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

*We confess, God of beginnings,  
that we have asked the same question.*

Can anything good come from that side of town?

*From a school with poor test scores?*

From a criminal history?

***From the opposite political party?***

From a history of addiction?

***From a faith with doubt?***

From a church with faults?

**Holy God, forgive us for doubting  
that you are in all things at all times.**

**Open our eyes to see your goodness,  
not as something that resides here or there,  
but as the expansive grace that it is.**

Can anything good come from there?

***Yes. Always yes. Amen.***

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Passing of the Peace** (*Share the peace of Christ with a person near you*)

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Children's Sermon**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading**      Genesis 2:4b-15

**Scripture Reading**      John 1:35-51

**Sermon**      I've been meaning to ask...where are you from?

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **Time of Reflection -Where are you from?**

*How many places have you lived or visited? What place(s) have you loved? What place feels most like home?*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*We believe that goodness can come from the dirt,  
that faith can come from doubt,  
that minds can be changed,  
that justice can begin with us,  
and that something good can come from Nazareth.  
We believe all these things, because we believe that God is  
more expansive than we have words for —  
showing up in the corners of our world so often  
ignored and denied.  
We believe that from this place of holy surprise,  
God invites us forward —  
beckoning hope, bravery, and curiosity from each of us.  
“Come and see,” God says.  
We believe.  
Help our unbelief.  
Amen.*

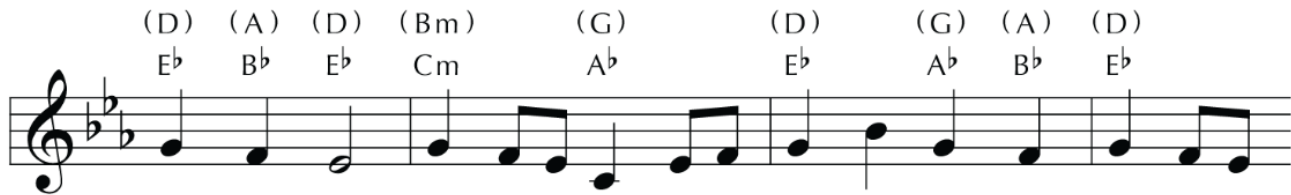
### **Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer**

*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.*

## \*Hymn #23 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*



1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and  
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and  
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to



spread the plain, mold the moun - tains, fash - ion blos - soms, call forth  
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate - ful wor - ship joined in  
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's



sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,  
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,  
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.



would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,  
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened  
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures



grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.  
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.  
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

### **Postlude**

#### **Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Susan Smalley

Soloist: Sue Rosser

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

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#### **Ushers**

Head usher: Sue Kalvonjian; Mary Harvey

#### **Counters**

#### **Greeter**

Estelle McGroarty

#### **Flowers**

The flowers today are placed in memory of Darlene Bullerdick.

The rose is placed to celebrate the birth of Alexandria "Allie" Jayne Jones, daughter of Megan and Mike Jones, born on Sept. 13th.

#### **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:**

*Sept. 19 through Sept. 26*

#### **TODAY, 9/19**

Worship	10 a.m.
Fellowship	11 a.m.
Small Groups	11:15 a.m.
Darlene Bullerdick memorial	12 p.m.

#### **MONDAY, 9/20**

Staff Meeting	10 a.m.
Trivia at Royal Scott	7:00 p.m.

#### **TUESDAY, 9/21**

Bell Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
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#### **WEDNESDAY, 9/22**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
UKirk	7:30 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, 9/23**

Admin and Finance Meeting	9:30 a.m.
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#### **SATURDAY, 9/25**

Jean Graham Memorial Service	2:00 p.m.
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#### **SUNDAY, 9/26**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Small Groups	11:15 a.m.

### **New Worship and Christian Education Series**

"I've been Meaning to Ask..." Our upcoming 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 (starting today).

### **Memorial for Darlene Bullerdick**

A memorial service for Darlene will be held at noon, today. All are welcome to attend and join in an outdoor reception afterward.

### **Block Party--Wednesday, September 26th**

All are invited from 2-4 p.m. to join us outside the church for games, music, fellowship, and the Melting Moments food truck. Make sure you come and invite a friend!

### **RDC Classes**

All ESOL classes with the Refugee Development Center will be online this semester and will not be returning to the church until at least the winter semester.