



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
October 10, 2021



## ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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10:00 a.m.

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### GATHERING

**Prelude**                      Handbell Choir

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

#### **Call to Worship**

**Hymn #409** God Is Here!

#### **Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession | Truth telling**

*Holy God,*

*We are naturals when it comes to stalling out.*

*We reach a certain point in the relationship, in the conversation,  
in our faith, and then we stall.*

*We buy property on the top of the plateau and build a house there,  
destined to never dig deeper or climb higher.*

*Forgive us for giving up on the things that matter.*

*Forgive us for confusing the plateau with the mountain top.*

*Forgive us for taking the easy way out*

*instead of doing the hard work of curiosity, relationship-building,  
vulnerability and connection.*

*Inspire us to see new paths for where we can go from here.*

*With hope and honesty we pray,*

*Amen.*

#### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Family of faith,

We are works in progress, but we are works in progress  
designed, created, and claimed by God.

No matter what you have done or left undone this week,  
today is a fresh start.

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

*God is with me on the mountaintop, and God is with me on the plateau.  
I am loved, claimed, and forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.*

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

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**Children's Sermon**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Reading** Ruth 1:1-22

**Sermon** I've been meaning to ask...where do we go from here?

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection -Where do we go from here?**

*What energizes or excites you?*

*What is a dream you have for our faith community? In what ways would you like to see our community grow or shift?*

**Affirmation of Faith**

*We believe that God is a conversationalist,  
drawing close to us and asking,*

*"What do you need? Where does it hurt? Who do you long to be?"*

*We see this conversational God in Jesus Christ, God's own flesh,  
who walked the earth speaking with the poor,  
the hungry, the lonely, and the outcast.*

*Therefore we believe that our call as people of faith  
is to continue this holy conversation*

*with those who look and think like us,*

*as well as those who share little in common with us.*

*We believe that through these conversations,  
we are able to catch a glimpse of the Kin-dom of God,  
so we continue the conversation in hope.*

*Amen.*

**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.*

**\*Hymn #754 Help Us Accept Each Other**



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Ron Davis

Soloist: Sulin Campbell

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Handbell Director: Heather Myer

Handbell Choir

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Advent House fully opened its day shelter and food programs in August. In the past, in addition to providing Saturday lunches once a month, Eastminster provided items to support the day shelter and food programs. Thus, we are requesting donations as we had in the past, as listed below. There are baskets in the Green Room where you can drop off items.

**Personal Needs**

Toilet paper  
Laundry soap  
Bleach  
Dish soap  
Bar soap  
Paper towels  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Shampoo  
Tampons & pads  
Tissue

**Weekend Day Shelter**

Paper towels  
8" heavy duty paper or Styrofoam plates  
napkins  
lg (50 gal) garbage bags  
Pine-Sol  
aluminum foil  
bleach  
food handling (non-latex gloves (M)  
Dawn dishwashing soap  
Grease-cutting spray  
string mop heads