



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
January 23, 2022

A graphic with a green rectangular center containing the text "BIG QUESTIONS". The background is a collage of colorful paper scraps in shades of pink, blue, yellow, and green, each featuring a black question mark.

**BIG
QUESTIONS**

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 23, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *How Great Is Our God & Praise to the Lord*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

In the quiet, in the calm, in the stillness,

We seek God.

In the clamor, in the cry, in the grief,

We seek God.

In the mystery, in the questions, in the unknowns,

We seek God.

In this time, in this place, with each other,

We seek God.

Even as we seek, let us worship God.

Hymn #305 *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy*



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

TEXT: Brian Dill, 1988
 MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770
 Text © 1989 Brian Dill

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Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
 lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,
 Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,
 in earth, sea and sky, you are there.*

*O hidden mystery,
 sun behind all suns,
 soul behind all souls,
 in everything we touch,
 in everyone we meet,*

*your presence is around us,
and we give you thanks.*

*But when we have not touched
but trampled you in creation,
when we have not met
but missed you in one another,
when we have not received
but reject you in the poor,
forgive us,
and hear us now in our silent prayers.*

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

Scripture Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:24-30

Sermon *The World is a Mess: Why Doesn't God Do Something?*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection - Living the Questions Video from *The Work of the People*

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 #39** Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923
MUSIC: William Marion Runyan, 1923
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FAITHFULNESS
11.10.11.10 with refrain

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude *Like a River Glorious*

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble
 Worship Leader: Linda Hardenbergh
 Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer
 Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze
 Vocals: Jadrian Tarver
 Video Producer: Mike Brown

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Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble	Pastor
Rev. Shirley Paxton	Parish Advisor
Neil Myer	Director of Christian Education
Bridgette Redman	Office Administrator
Tamar Mikeladze	Pianist/Organist
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director

This Week at Eastminster:

Jan. 23 through Jan. 30th

SUNDAY, 1/23

Virtual Worship	10:00 a.m.
Education Hour (on Zoom)	11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 1/24

Staff Meeting	10:00 a.m.
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TUESDAY, 1/25

Bell Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 1/26

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, 1/30

Virtual Worship	10:00 a.m.
Education Hour	11:00 a.m.

Big Questions Sermon Series

Our current sermon series is "Big Questions." The questions below are taken from what you, the congregation, submitted. Please know if you submitted a question and it is not being addressed, you are welcome to come talk about it with Kristin. Come explore big questions with us!

January 30th: Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. John Best, Why am I asked to pay a per capita gift?

February 6th: Predestination: Is This Good News?

February 13th: The Cross: Why Did Jesus Have to Die? Is God Against Us?

February 20th: Heaven: Will We Recognize Each Other? Can We Trust We'll Get There? Is There Enough Room?

February 27th: What is the Role of the Church in 2022?

Important Information from the Session

Session voted to extend our pause on in-person worship through the end of January. Our plan is to resume in-person worship (with a virtual option) on February 6th, which will also be the date of our Annual Congregational Meeting.

Session is carefully watching the infection and hospitalization numbers and wants to ensure we do not increase the load on our hospitals. This is an act of love for our neighbors, frontline workers, wider community, and congregation. Thank you for understanding.

Education Formation Forum: Sundays at 11am

Join us each Sunday (January on Zoom) at 11am following worship for our education forum. Over the next many weeks we will complement our Big Questions sermon series. Each week will be different, so join us whenever your schedule allows. We will engage questions and include thought provoking activities that will stretch our thinking as we grow in faith and learn from one another.

Jan 23th: How can I practice faith on days other than Sunday? (Spiritual Practices)

Jan 30th: What is this Presbyterian alphabet soup? (An educational game of Balderdash)

Feb 6th: Predestination (Rev. Dr. Jeff O'Neill facilitating)

Feb 13th: The Cross

Feb 20th: Images of Heaven

Feb 27th: Role of the Church in 2022

ADVENT HOUSE: The next monthly lunch we are preparing is February 12th. You can sign up to bring an item to fill 60 lunches (contact the office to see what is still needed). We also need volunteers to assemble lunches on February 12th at 8:00am.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Our Annual Congregational Meeting is set for February 6th after worship. The purpose of this meeting is to receive financial reports, vote on the pastor's terms of call, and elect the Nominating Committee. The Annual Report will be emailed out before the meeting.