



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
January 30, 2022



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

January 30, 2021

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision*

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

L. Just as the body has many parts,

P. All parts belong to one body.

L. Though we are many,

P. We are one in Christ.

L. One cannot say to the other,

P. I have no need of you,

L. For we are indispensable.

P. We need each another.

Hymn #401 *Here in This Place*



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

you have brought us together as one body with many members,
each of us with gifts given according to your Spirit.

We confess that we struggle to discern what role we are called to do.

We speak when you call us to listen.

We listen when you call us to walk.

We walk when you call us to wait.

We wait when you call us to do.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit,

show this community who you have called us to be.

Guide us through this tension of One and yet many

that we might strive for the greater gift of unity

and play the part of disciples of the one Spirit. 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

Scripture Reading Luke 4:14-21

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Sermon "Connected"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Special Music *The Gift of Love* Handbell Choir

Why Do We Give Per Capita?

Video produced by the Office of the General Assembly

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 #300** **We Are One in the Spirit**

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
 7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Participants in today's service:

Guest Minister: Rev. Dr. John Best

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Vocals: Jadrian Tarver
Video Producer: Heather Myer

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TODAY we welcome Rev. Dr. John Best as our Guest Preacher. Rev. Dr. John Best is an honorably retired Presbyterian minister. He served pastorates in Pennsylvania and New York for 23 years before coming to Michigan to serve as General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan (2008-2018). Presently he volunteers at Hope Garden and serves on AACORN Community's Board of Directors, which provides farm based programming for those on the Autism Spectrum.

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. 30 through Feb. 6th

SUNDAY, 1/30

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

MONDAY, 1/31

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

TUESDAY, 2/1

Bell Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 2/2

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
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THURSDAY, 2/3

Administration & Finance	9:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, 2/6

Virtual Worship	10:00 a.m.
Annual Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Education Forum	11:15 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!

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?

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 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.