



# **Eastminster Presbyterian Church**

**Service for the Lord's Day  
February 13, 2022**



## 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.

In an effort to keep our community safe and to love our neighbor, we are requiring masks in the building regardless of vaccination status.



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

February 13, 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

L. In the morning, as the clouds gather and break,

*P. We open our eyes and stretch our arms to a new day.*

L. As we gather, and the papers rustle and the pews creak,  
and old friends whisper together,

*P. We become the beloved community again.*

L. In our words and songs and silence and prayers,

*P. We open ourselves to wonder, gratitude, and praise.*

Hymn #395 Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

*Gracious and loving God, hear our prayers.*

*We know we do not always live as we ought:*

*We turn away from You, from our neighbor, and from our true selves.*

*We know we dim Your light within us,*

*with our pride, our self-righteousness, and our need for control*

*We know that You love us, that you do not abandon us,*

*and that again and again you call us back to You,*

*back to love,  
back to grace,  
back to your light.*

*Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord.*

**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 23:13-25, 32-43

**Scripture Reading**     Philippians 2:1-11

**Sermon**     The Cross: Why Did Jesus Have to Die? Is God Against Us?

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**Affirmation of Faith**     *from the Confession of 1967*

L. God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery  
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.

**P. *It is called the sacrifice of a lamb,  
a shepherd's life given for his sheep,  
atonement by a priest;***

L. again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt,  
vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty,

***P. and victory over the powers of evil.***

L. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind.

***P. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.***

## **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 #839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Beverly Bonning

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Robin Bell & Heather Myer

Eastminster Choir

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## **Ushers**

Head usher: Cindy Nixon; Matt Nixon

## **Flowers**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God.

## **Greeters**

## **Counters**

Susan Smalley

## **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	Organist
Heather Myer	Bell Choir Director

## **This Week at Eastminster:**

*February 13 through February 20*

### **SUNDAY, 2/13**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Forum	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	12:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY, 2/14**

Trivia at Royal Scott	7:00 p.m.
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### **WEDNESDAY, 2/16**

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

### **THURSDAY, 2/17**

Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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### **SUNDAY, 2/20**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Adult Forum	11:00 a.m.

*Bridgette will be out of the office next week on vacation.*

## **Sermon Series: Big Questions**

Our current sermon series is "Big Questions." The questions below are taken from what you, the congregation, submitted.

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

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

## **Education Formation Forum: Sundays at 11 am**

Join us each Sunday following worship for our education forum. Over the next many weeks we will complement our Big Questions sermon series.

Feb 20 Images of Heaven

Feb 27 Role of the Church in 2022

## **Souper Bowl of Caring**

Today we will take part in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Eastminster's collection will go to the MSU Student Food Bank. This year you can participate by sending a check to the church made out to Eastminster with Souper Bowl on the memo line or give online using the special offerings option.

## **Help Needed In Cleaning Out a Room at the Church**

The UKirk Book Project started last year as a way to get books into the hands of kids in our community. UKirk has been using one of Eastminster's classrooms (the old library) to store and sort books. Their project continues to grow and expand, so the Session has granted them permission to use that room as a book bank. In order to give them the space they need, we need to move Eastminster items out of the room. On **Saturday, February 19th at 10am** we need volunteers who are willing to help move and sort items from that room. If you are willing, just show up to the church on that Saturday. Thank you!