



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
March 20, 2022**

*Good Enough:*

**Embracing the Imperfections  
of Life and Faith**

*Lent 3*

"Lots of things can be medicine."





## 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.

Masks are now optional in the building. If Ingham County moves to a high level again (based on CDC's communities levels) we will require masks again. We do have masks available at the welcome table.



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.*

***Text*** is read or sung by the congregation.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 20, 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.*

**Threshold**     *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

### **Opening Prayer**

*Holy One, Our Balm, Our Feast*

*we lift our hands and call your name,  
in need of healing—thirsting and hungry.*

*Your steadfast love is better than life.*

*Open us this day to your nourishment  
in the songs of the land, in the beauty of the sky—  
in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days.  
Amen.*

**Choir Hymn #800**     *Sometimes a Light Surprises*

### **Call to Confession**

### **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**      Psalm 63:1-8

**Special Music**      "There is a Fountain"      Handbell Choir

**Scripture Reading**      Luke 13:1-9

**Sermon**      Lots of things can be medicine

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**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.*

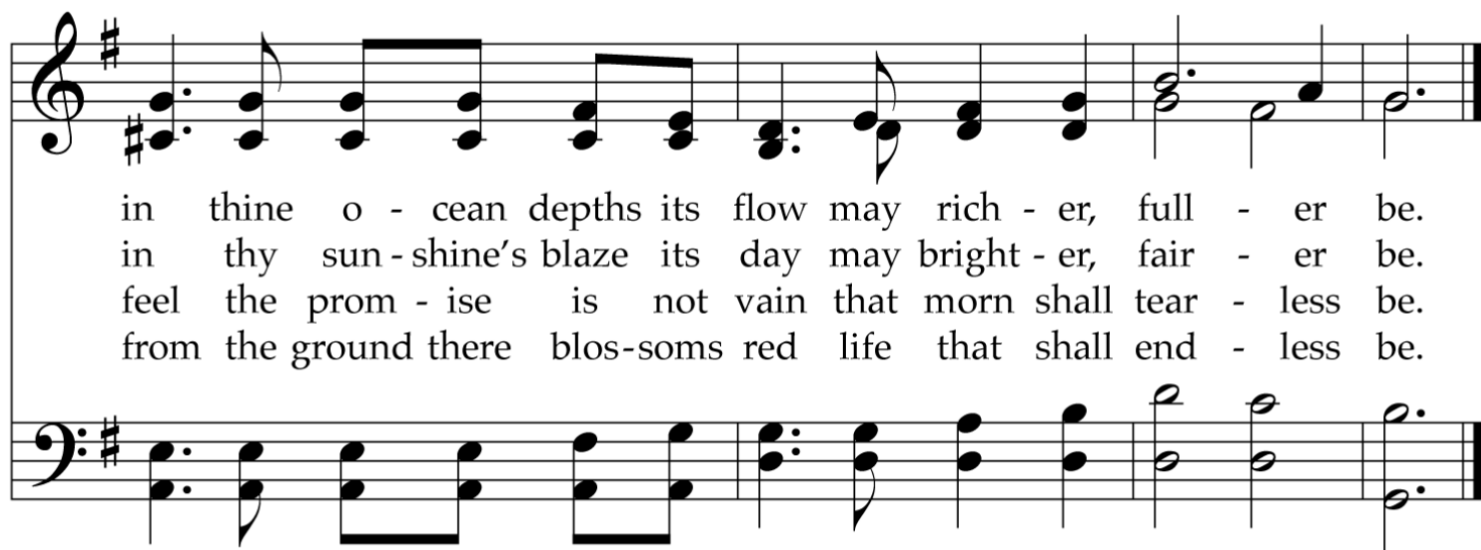
**\*Hymn #833** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*



1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my  
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not  
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that  
flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that  
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and  
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
in thy sun-shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.  
from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end - less be.

## **\*A Blessing For Slowing Down**

## **\*Benediction**

## **Postlude**

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

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Cindy Nixon

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Handbell Choir Director: Heather Myer

Video Producer: Susan Smalley

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Worship Series and Visual: We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility — climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we've just slipped from. So what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our “good enough” lives.

## **Ushers**

Head usher: Sue Kalvonjian; Barb Lowes

## **Greeter**

Bruce Augenstein

## **Counters**

Barb Stowitts, Jesse Turner

## **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:**

*March 20 through March 27*

### **SUNDAY, 3/20**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

### **MONDAY, 3/21**

Lent Small Group 12:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scott 7:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, 3/22**

Handbells 7:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 3/23**

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

Lent Small Group 6:30 p.m.

### **THURSDAY, 3/24**

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, 3/27**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m.



## **Lent Small Groups**

This Lent, we will be focusing on reconnecting and forming new relationships, sharing the joys and the struggles of life and discovering together how beauty can be found amid the chaos. After reviewing the Google forms and times you are able to meet for small groups we have created four options to gather. Even if you didn't fill out a form, we encourage you to consider joining one of the groups below. They began meeting the week of March 13th. Please contact Neil Myer at the church office with any questions or [neil@eastminsterchurch.org](mailto:neil@eastminsterchurch.org).

- Mondays from 12-1 pm - This group will meet in a hybrid manner. You can come to the church or join on Zoom. (Unlimited spaces)
- Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm -This group will meet in-person at Beverly Bonning and Jeff Lapinski's home. (Three spaces left, contact Neil Myer to sign up)
- Thursdays at 7 pm - This group is specifically designed for young adults (20/30/40s). The meeting place changes. Please contact Pastor Kristin for more information.

## **Collection for Recently Arrived Afghans**

St. Vincent Catholic Charities is in need of men's coats and underwear, sizes M and L. Please note that they **do not** accept used clothes. We have a bin in the narthex to collect these items. Thank you!

## **Fellowship Help**

Bev Bonning will be out of town next week and needs a volunteer to help serve coffee fellowship on March 27. Please let her know if you can help out.

## An Update from the Session:

Throughout these two years of the pandemic, the Session has done their best to follow our local health department recommendations as well as CDC guidelines in an effort to care for one another. Following the CDC's updated guidance, Session voted this week to relax our guidelines. CDC has a new tool that helps communities decide prevention steps based on



the latest data. Counties are labeled as low, medium, or high and that data is updated weekly. They recommend that those communities in low and medium levels can make masks optional and in high require them.

Ingham County is currently a medium transmission community and so Eastminster will be mask optional beginning immediately. We will continue to monitor the data and the transmission rates for Ingham County and if our transmission rates become high again, we will follow the CDC's guidelines to require masks again.

We recently heard in worship the passage from 1 Corinthians that says "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." We know that many of you will be thrilled not to wear a mask while others will want to continue wearing a mask. As the body of Christ we commit to respect and honor each other's decisions without judgment and shame. We also ask that you continue to love your neighbor by staying home if you are sick or if you have COVID. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Grace and Peace,  
Kristin

# Eastminster Church Officers

## Elders and Deacons for 2021-2022

*Susan Smalley, Clerk/Robert Kleine, Treasurer*

Elders	Deacons
Robin Bell	Beverly Bonning
Mike Brown	Sulin Campbell
Ron Davis	Judy Dickinson
David Duryea	Suzanne Hunt
Mike Jones	Sue Kalvonjian
Estelle McGroarty	Cindy Nixon
Heather Myer	Barb Stowitts
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