



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
March 6, 2022**

Good Enough:

**Embracing the Imperfections
of Life and Faith**

Lent 1

"Ordinary lives can be holy."



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. 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

March 6, 2021

10:00 a.m.

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*

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in 4/4 time. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.'

The brevity of this text and tune invite repeated singing, either as a sustained chain of sound or as a sung response in a series of prayers. It offers a more reflective approach to the same theme of self-dedication evident in older hymns such as "Just as I Am" (see no. 442).

Opening Prayer

Holy One, Our Refuge and Shelter,

we call out to you,

sometimes in praise, sometimes in distress—as life goes.

Whether we perceive it or not, you are there.

Open us this day to your presence

in the smile of a friend, in the call of a bird—

in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days.

Amen.

Choir Hymn Our Lord, You Were Sent Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
Traditional American Melody (“How Firm a Foundation”)

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 91:1-2, 9-16

Special Music

Scripture Reading Luke 4:1-13

Sermon “Ordinary Lives Can Be Holy”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Communion & 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 #451** Open My Eyes, That I May See



1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!
will to see. O-pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di-vine!



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

***A Blessing for a Joyfully Mediocre Journey**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Debi Cox

Special Music: John Khaydarov, Clarinet

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Robin Bell

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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: Brenda Ramsby; Beverly Bonning?

Greeter

Counters

Dave Duryea, Matt Nixon

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 6 through March 13

SUNDAY, 3/6

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

MONDAY, 3/7

Trivia at Royal Scott	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, 3/8

Session	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 3/9

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	11:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, 3/10

Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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SATURDAY, 3/12

Advent House	8:00 a.m.
PageTurners Book Club	10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, 3/13

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

Lent Small Groups

The deadline to sign up is today!

It's been two years since the pandemic began. Two years of anxiety and isolation. One new study suggests that 36% of all Americans feel "serious loneliness," though that number is probably still higher. We know that we need community, we need to come together. So this Lent, we'd invite you to commit to participating in a small group. They will meet once a week (either in-person or on Zoom) for no more than an hour. You won't need to prepare anything ahead of time, just show up. To sign up or get more information, call the church office or email us for a link to the Google form.

If you wish to order one of the two books we are using, there are links on our website under "Lent 2022" in the Worship tab.

This Lent, let's focus on reconnecting or forming new relationships, sharing the joys and the struggles of life and discovering together how beauty can be found amid the chaos.



Advent House

We need your help—there are lots of openings.

Sign up to bring an item for our next Advent House lunch or to help assemble the lunches. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call the church office.

Book Club

The Page Turners welcome anyone to join their book discussion every second Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. on Zoom.

Upcoming reads:

- **March:** Everyone will choose a favorite book, poem, or story from their childhood. Everyone will share why it engaged them and can read aloud a passage from the book.
- **April:** "A Long Petal of the Sea" by Isabel Allende.
- **May:** "The hummingbirds' gift, wonder, beauty and renewal on wings" by Sy Montgomery and "A hummingbird in my house: the story of Squeak" by Arnette Heidcamp.
- **June:** "Where the Forest Meets the Stars" by Glendy Vanderah.

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!

Eastminster Church Officers

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