



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
April 3 , 2022

Good Enough:

Embracing the Imperfections
of Life and Faith

Lent 5

"We are fragile."



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.

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.
Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 3, 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*

Opening Prayer

Holy One, Lover of Souls,

we call out to you.

You know our tears and sorrows,

and you bear the seeds of grief with us.

Open us this day to your comfort

that nurtures these seeds into sheaves of joy-

the simple and good enough moments that fill our days.

Amen.

Choir Hymn #366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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 126

Special Music

Scripture Reading John 12:1-8

Sermon Life is Fragile

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Communion

Great Thanksgiving & 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Please come forward down the center aisles to receive by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup and partake. You may return down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served at their seats. Gluten-free bread is available as well as individual communion packets.

*Hymn #543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

*A Blessing For When You're in Grief

*Benediction

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Robin Bell

Pianist/Clarinet: John Khaydarov

Video Producer: Mike Brown

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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: Cynthia Nixon; Matt Nixon

Greeter

Sue Miller

Counters

Sam O’Neill, Linda Hardenbergh

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:

April 3 through April 10

SUNDAY, 4/3

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
UKirk	7:00 p.m.
MONDAY, 4/4	
Lent Small Group	12:00 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scott	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 4/5	
Handbell Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 4/6	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Lent Small Group	6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, 4/7	
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 4/9	
Advent House	8:00 a.m.
PageTurners Book Club	10:00 a.m.
SUNDAY, 4/10 Palm Sunday	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
UKirk	7:00 p.m.

HOLY WEEK Schedule

Join us as we observe Holy Week. Worship services will be:

Sunday, April 10, 10 a.m., Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday

Sunday, April 17 10 a.m. Easter Sunday

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. Our small groups

are listed below. Please contact Neil Myer at the church office with any questions or 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!



Eastminster is hoping to get together at least two teams for **UKirk's Team Trivia Night**, which will take place at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos. Contact the church office if you want to join in.

April Advent House

All of the items needed for this month's lunch are now covered. We invite you to join us Saturday morning, April 9th to help assemble the lunch bags.

One Great Hour of Sharing

We'll be collecting for One Great Hour of Sharing between now and Easter. This special offering supports three programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. They all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope.



You can give using the envelopes in the sanctuary, by mailing a check into the church with "One Great Hour of Sharing" in the memo line or on our website.

Easter Lilies

Would you like to make a dedication to someone for Easter? We'll have five lilies in the sanctuary on April 17 and 24 with dedications given in memory or honor of individuals in the bulletin on those dates. Flower orders are due by Monday, April 11 and are \$20 per dedication.

You can drop a form off to the office, call the office, or sign up on our website under "Worship" and "Flowers."

Eastminster Church Officers

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