



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
May 1, 2022**



MATTHEW 25

## 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 the CDC community 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

May 1, 2022

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 beginning  
before time, before people,  
before the world began,

***P: God was.***

L: Here and now  
among us, beside us,  
enlisting the people of earth  
for the purposes of heaven,

***P: God is.***

L: In the future,  
when we have turned to dust  
and all we know has found its fulfillment,

***P: God will be.***

L: Not denying the world, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,  
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

***P: God was. God is. God will be.***

**Choir Hymn**     Jesus, Be With Us

### **Call to Confession**

## **Prayer of Confession**

O my people, O my church, says the Lord.  
What more could I have done for you?

***Holy One, have mercy on us.***

We have ignored and impeded  
God's call to follow the way of Jesus.

***Holy One, have mercy on us.***

We have silenced and suppressed  
the good news of God's holy realm.

***Holy One, have mercy on us.***

We have forgotten and forsaken  
the gift of God's Word made flesh.

***Holy One, have mercy on us.***

We have ridiculed and rejected  
Jesus' example of humble service.

***Holy One, have mercy on us.***

We have hidden and hoarded  
the transforming presence of Christ.

***Holy One, have mercy on us.***

We have denied and disregarded  
God's great love for all the world.

***Holy One, have mercy on us.***

We have abused and abandoned  
our common ministry in Jesus' name.

***Holy One, have mercy on us.***

***Forgive us, God of grace.***

*Let us be reconciled with you  
with one another, and with our neighbors,  
so that your church may be a light to the world  
and a vital sign of your redeeming love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Silent Confession**

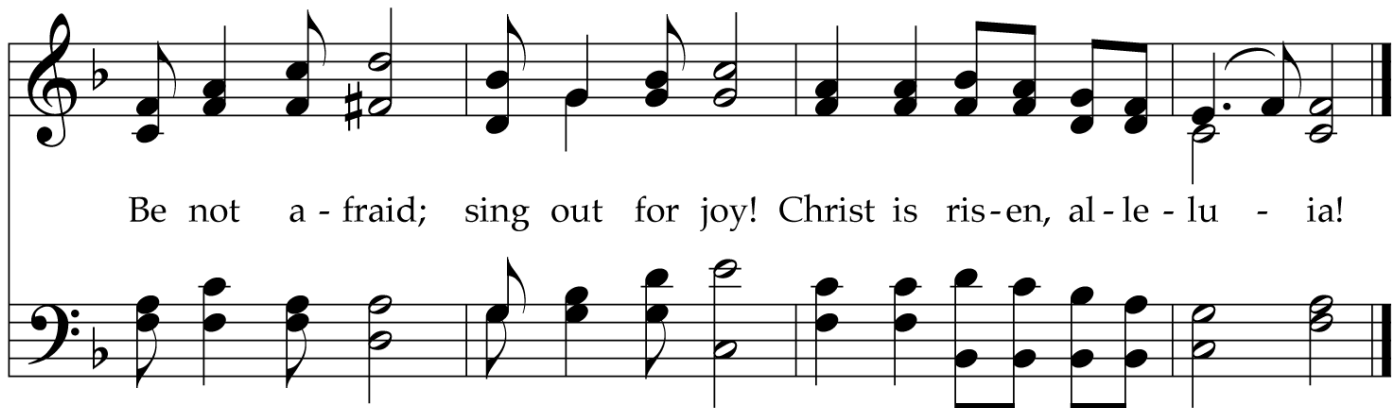
## **Assurance of Pardon**

## **Sung Response #243 Be Not Afraid**



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation for 'Be Not Afraid' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, featuring a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords. The lyrics 'Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the staffs.



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation for 'Be Not Afraid' continues the melody from the first system. It also consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody continues with similar note values and chordal accompaniment. The lyrics 'Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!' are repeated below the staffs.

**\*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**      Matthew 25:1-13

**Sermon**      Matthew 25: A Vision for the Future

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

## **Time of Reflection**

## **Recognition of Charter and Fifty Year Members**

## **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 aisle 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 #771**      What Is the World Like



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?  
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:  
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;  
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;  
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,  
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.  
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.  
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.  
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.  
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.  
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.  
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.  
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.  
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Debi Cox

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

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#### **Ushers**

Head usher: Barb Stowitts

#### **Greeter**

Irv Nichols

#### **Counters**

Jeff Lapinski, Sue Rosser

#### **Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Ted and Pat Hagan in memory of Ted's brother, Dr. Raymond Hagan

#### **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:**

*May 1 through May 8*

### **SUNDAY, 5/1**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Summer Brainstorming	11:15 a.m.
Study Hours	1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY, 5/2**

Trivia at Royal Scott	7:00 p.m.
Study Hours	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, 5/3**

Handbell Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Study Hours	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 5/4**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	11:00 a.m.
Summer Planning Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Study Hours	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### **THURSDAY, 5/5**

Study Hours	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Young Adults	7:00 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, 5/7**

Marcia Engelkes Visitation	10:30 a.m.
Marcia Engelkes Memorial Service	12:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, 5/8**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 a.m.



## **Marcia Engelkes Memorial Service**

On Saturday, May 7, at 12:00pm there will be a Service of Witness to the Resurrection for Marcia Engelkes. Visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m. and there will be a lunch afterwards. The service will be live-streamed to our [YouTube channel](#) for those who can't come in person. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Eastminster Presbyterian Church's Music fund.

## **Summer is Coming! Brainstorm with us**

All are invited to a brainstorming session this Sunday, May 1 after worship that will help the Worship, Community Life, Christian Education and Mission teams make summer plans. We have goals of providing opportunities over the summer for connection and reconnection in creative ways that get us outside the walls of the church building. These may include fellowship, education and service in various ways. Bring yourself and your creative ideas Sunday after church!

## **Advent House**

We are still packing 60 sack lunches for the monthly Advent House meal prep. The next one is Saturday, May 14. We still need people to volunteer to bring the following:

- Hummus and wraps
- Drinks
- Assembling lunches

Sign up on Sundays in the narthex or by calling the church office. Thank you for your faithfulness.

## Church anniversary

Today, we will celebrate Eastminster's anniversary and honor our charter member and 50-year members.

The Presbytery of Lansing chartered Eastminster Presbyterian Church April 14, 1957, 65 years ago. The petition to the presbytery included the signatures of 126 persons. The last remaining member of those 126 is:

Phyllis Irwin

### 50-Year Members

In addition to our Charter Member, we recognize and honor those persons who have been members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church for 50 years or more.

Irv Nichols	3-31-1958
Pat Hagan	9-29-1961
Ted Hagan	9-29-1961
Virginia Allen	12-5-1965
Lou Mitchell	12-5-1965
George Miller	2-1-1968
Sue Miller	2-1-1968
Jim Engelkes	11-1-1969
Elaine Cable	11-29-1970
Mary Jo Shankland	4-26-1970
Robert Cullum	3-12-1972
Connie Cullum	3-12-1972

