



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday
April 14, 2022

Good Enough:

Embracing the Imperfections
of Life and Faith

Maundy Thursday

"You are blessed. Regardless."



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.

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7:00 p.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Opening Song *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

The first line of the musical score for the opening song. It features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The second line of the musical score. It continues the melody and harmony from the first line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Opening Prayer

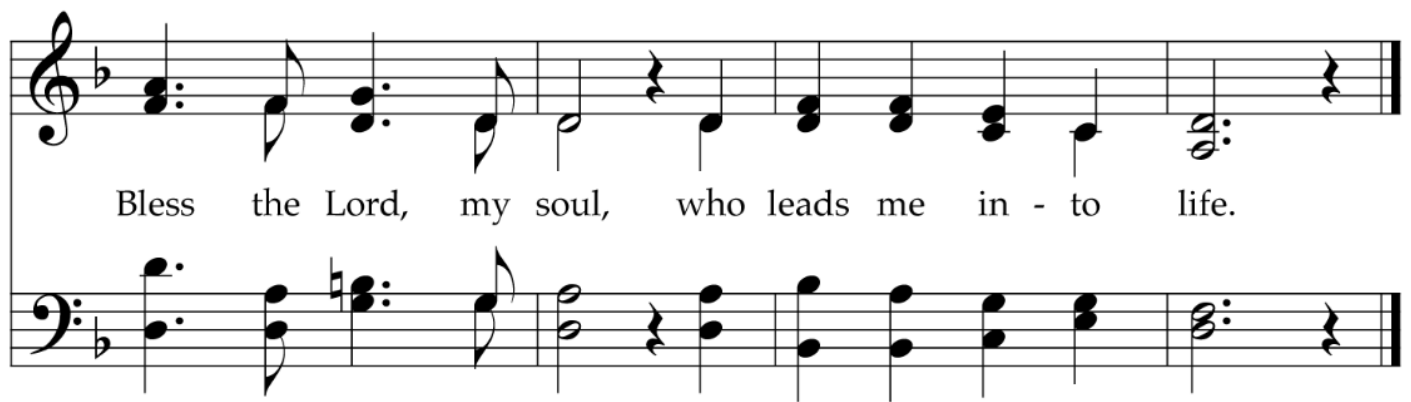
*Holy One, You who lay a table of blessing before us,
you have heard us and have come to us.
We lift up the cup of salvation in praise,
we break open and share our love.
Open us this night to your presence
in our gardens of delight and sorrow-
in the simple and good enough moments that fill our days.
Amen.*

Song Bless the Lord My Soul



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first system of music is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name."



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second system of music continues the four-part setting. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life."

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-11

Reflection *We Are Blessed, Regardless*

A Blessing for When You Don't Feel #Blessed

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Musical Reflection *Broken Body of Christ* by The Many

Scripture Reading John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of 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 communion 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.

Special Music While On the Sea

(This is a Ukrainian Folk Hymn; Because of the war in Ukraine, the proceeds from this arrangement are being donated to UNICEF to aid Ukrainian children and families affected by the crisis. The translation of this hymn from Ukrainian to English is by Stephen Bilak.)

While on the sea hear the terrible roaring;
See how the boat of my life rolls with me;
In fear of death and in deepest of anguish.
Lord, hear my prayer; watch my soul on the sea.

Save me, O merciful Father, forgive me;
How as my life with its ending I see.
My youthful strength has been spent in the battle.
Lord, now I beg You, have mercy on me.

I have no strength left to aid on my journey;
Help me to reach that fair land past the sea;
Help me to travel to my native country.
Lord now I beg You, have mercy on me.

Scripture Reading Luke 22:39-53

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Rev. Becky Brown

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

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.

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

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Rev. Kristin Stroble	Pastor
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Join us for Easter Sunday worship at 10 a.m. in-person or on YouTube.

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