



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
May 15, 2022**



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 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. 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

May 15, 2022

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Call to Worship

L. With friends and strangers,
with family and neighbors, we gather:

*P. Come among us, Healing God,
with that love which never ends.*

L. With faith reaching out to touch,
with hearts straining to trust: we hope:

*P. Come among us, Friend of the broken,
with your compassion which makes us whole.*

L. With word and wonder,
with silence and song, we wait:

*P. Come among us, Dryer of our tears,
to lift us to our feet to follow you.*

Choir Hymn #395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

For failing to love others as you have loved us...
God of grace, *forgive us.*

For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods...

God of grace, *forgive us.*

For plundering the earth and abusing the planet...
God of grace, *forgive us.*

For fearing those who are strange to us
and ignoring those in need...
God of grace, *forgive us.*

For losing heart and abandoning hope...
God of grace, *forgive us.*

For all the ways we turn from you...
God of grace, *forgive us.*

We offer our prayers in the name
of the One who saves us,
Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response #243 Be Not Afraid

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Intended for repeated singing like other chants from the Taizé Community, this text began in Czech as "Nebojte se." The English version uses the language of the angel's greeting to Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary," who went to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning (Matthew 28:5-6).

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1998
 MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1998
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***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 2 Samuel 1 (selected verses)

Scripture Reading Mark 5:21-43

Sermon Ars Moriendi

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey O'Neill

Worship Leader: Debi Cox

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Susan Smalley

Worship Credits: The Call to Worship is by Thom Shuman; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Ushers

Head usher: Brenda Ramsby

Greeter

Cindy Nixon

Counters

Estelle McGroarty, Susan Smalley

Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

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 15 through May 22

SUNDAY, 5/15

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Children's Gathering	11:00 a.m.
Deacons Meeting	11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, 5/16

Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, 5/17

Handbell Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 5/18

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

THURSDAY, 5/19

Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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SATURDAY, 5/21

Dave Hoyt Memorial Service	1:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, 5/22

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

Kristin will be out of the office from today to May 20.



Welcome the Stranger: An Interfaith Service of Song and Story

The Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing will revive its annual interfaith service on Monday, May 16, at 7 p.m., at The Peoples Church. The theme of the service is *"Welcome the Stranger."*

We will offer scriptures and songs from many faiths that emphasize the importance of welcoming and tending to newcomers in our midst. Members of the recently arrived Afghan community will share stories of faith, and Judi Harris, director of Refugee Services for St. Vincent Catholic Charities, will share updates about the return of refugees to our area.

ALL are welcome to gather as a community of many different faiths, but one single community of friendship and mutual respect. You can attend in person, or watch the livestream at:

[https://youtube.com/c/
ThePeoplesChurchofEastLansing](https://youtube.com/c/ThePeoplesChurchofEastLansing)

2021-2022 Program Year

Do you have photos of Eastminster people and events from the 2021-2022 program year? If you do, are you willing to share them for inclusion in the Annual Report? If so, please send them to Bridgette at office@eastminsterchurch.org. Thank you!

Memorial Service for David Hoyt

Eastminster will host a memorial service for Dave Hoyt starting at 1 p.m. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Special Gathering for Kids Today

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to gather after worship for a special time together while parents are enjoying fellowship today. We will meet in the sanctuary for about 30 minutes of play, exploration and creating together.

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