

The logo for Eastminster Presbyterian Church features a white cross with a blue center, set against a white circular background. This is positioned above a series of horizontal blue stripes of varying lengths, which form a stylized, abstract shape resembling a church building or a landscape element.

Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
May 22, 2022**



MATTHEW 25

WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshipping 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 22, 2022

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Opening Prayer

First Reading *Jesus Cleanses a Leper* Matthew 8:1-4

Choir Hymn Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn

Second Reading *Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant* Matthew 8:5-13

Hymn #794 O Savior, in this Quiet Place (verses 1-4)

Third Reading *Jesus Heals Many at Peter's House* Matthew 8:14-22

Hymn #795 Healer of Our Every Ill
 Verses: Soloist; Refrain: All

Fourth Reading *Jesus Stills the Storm* Matthew 8:23-27

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.

Fifth Reading *Jesus Heals the Gadarene Demoniacs* Matthew 8:28-9:1

Hymn #726 Will You Come and Follow Me (vs 1-2)

Sixth Reading *Jesus Heals a Paralytic* Matthew 9:2-9

Hymn #726 Will You Come and Follow Me (vs 3-5)

Seventh Reading *The Question about Fasting* Matthew 9:10-17

Note, this reading is not an account of a miracle; it speaks to the identity of Jesus as Messiah

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.

Eighth Reading *A Woman Healed* Matthew 9:18-26

Solo God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn

Ninth Reading *Jesus Heals Two Blind Men* Matthew 9:27-31

Hymn #450 Be Thou My Vision (vs 1-2)

Tenth Reading *Jesus Heals One Who Was Mute* Matthew 9:32-34

Time of Reflection

Reflect on these questions yourself or with someone sitting near you.

What do these miracle stories reveal about Jesus? Who is he? What does he do? How does he relate to others? What do these stories teach us about following Jesus today? How might we be called to love and serve the outsiders and outcasts in our community?

Hymn #765 May the God of Hope Go With Us

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leaders: Mike Brown, Dave Duryea, Estelle McGroarty, Heather Myer, Laura Myer, Susan Smalley

Special Music: Sulin Campbell, Sue Rosser, Heather Myer, Becky Brown

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Robin Bell

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Ushers

Head usher: Barb Stowitts

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Counters

Barb Stowitts, Jesse Turner

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Ted and Pat Hagan in memory of Ted's parents Hubert and Rhoda 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 22 through May 29

SUNDAY, 5/22

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 5/23

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 5/24

Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 5/25

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

Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, 5/26

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 5/29

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Bridgette will be out of the office on May 25-26 doing an audit with The Presbyterian Church of Okemos.

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