



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
May 29, 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. 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 29, 2022

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Opening Sentences Matthew 5:3–12

Jesus says:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

*And blessed is the church
that serves with the love of God
to eradicate systemic poverty.*

Jesus says:

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

*And blessed is the church
that trusts in the grace of Christ
to build congregational vitality.*

Jesus says:

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

***And blessed is the church
that seeks by the power of the Spirit
to dismantle structural racism.***

Blessed are you, O holy, triune God,
and blessed is your holy realm forever.

Choir Hymn #186 Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

***Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered
from your way of truth and life.***

***You call us to share all that we have
and work together for the common good,
but we hoard up treasures for ourselves
and deny others their daily bread.***

***You call us to set the captives free
and seek justice for the oppressed,
but we live in fear of our neighbors
and hide ourselves from our own kin.***

*You call us to walk in newness of life
and to be witnesses to the resurrection,
but we dwell in the valley of dry bones
and keep silent about your saving love.*

*Forgive us, God of grace.
Set us free from sin, death and fear
so that we may serve you with gladness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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 is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!"

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The second system of musical notation is identical to the first system, including the melody, bass line, and lyrics: "Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!"

**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 25:31-46

Sermon Matthew 25: Providing For God's People

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith (excerpts)*

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.

***Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives.***

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

***In sovereign love, God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
to live as one community.***

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

***The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.***

With believers in every time and place,
*we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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 Jesus, Be With Us

Refrain Je - sus, be with us. Help us each day to fol - low the
Cm F7 Bb Ab G7

gos - pel and live as we pray. Send us your Spir - it and
Cm F7 Fm Bb Eb sus Eb *fine*

show us your way. Je - sus, be with us to - day.



Leader 1 Where there is hun - ger and thirst in the land,
 or all 2 Where there is ha - tred be - cause of our skin,
 3 Where there are val - leys of bones, dry as dust,

C m

F m

G sus

G7



shat - ter the sys - tems of greed.
 break down the walls of our fear.
 build up the bod - y of Christ.

C m

G m

Bb

Eb



Je - sus, be with us; make use of our hands.
 Je - sus, be with us; to save us from sin.
 Je - sus, be with us, and help us to trust.

F7

F7

Bbsus

Bb7



Lift up your great peo - ple in need.
 In your us great love, draw us near.
 Teach us a new way of life.

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sam O'Neill

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Mike Brown

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Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Counters

Sam O'Neill, Linda Hardenbergh

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 29 through June 5

SUNDAY, 5/29

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 5/30 Memorial Day—Office closed

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 5/31

Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 6/2

Admin and Finance Meeting 10:00 a.m.

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 6/5

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

A gathering for children, youth and families

June 5 at Noon

All children and youth (through 12th grade) and their families are invited to a lunch and fellowship gathering at the Heitman residence on Sunday, June 5 at noon. It will be a great time to connect with friends new and old as we live into our summer focus of connection and relationship building with one another. There will be outdoor food and play with plenty of room to enjoy the time together. Please let neil@eastminsterchurch.org know if you plan to attend and need the address.

All call for graduates

Please notify the church office of high school and college graduations from the congregation in this class of 2022, so that we might acknowledge them appropriately. We know that COVID impacted a number of academic calendars and schedules, and we don't want to miss anyone. Thank you.

Pentecost offering

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. We retain 40% of the Pentecost offering and donate it to UKirk to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

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