



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
May 8, 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 8, 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. Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

P. God's steadfast love endures forever.

L. The day of the Lord is at hand.

P. Let us worship God.

Choir Hymn #612 We Praise You, O God

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 for the song 'Be Not Afraid'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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The second system of musical notation is identical to the first system, providing a second line of the song. It also consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in B-flat major and 4/4 time, with the same melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are repeated below the treble staff.

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).

***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 25:14-30

Sermon Matthew 25: Investing for the Generations Yet to Come

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 Ebsus Eb *fine*

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

Cm Gm Fm Eb

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,

Cm Fm Gsus G7

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

Cm Gm 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 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: Amanda Lanier

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Mike Brown

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Ushers

Head usher: Matt Nixon

Greeter

Sam Nixon

Counters

Jeff Lapinski, Sue Rosser

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Ted and Pat Hagan in memory of Pat's parent s Ted and Leone Samuelson

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 8 through May 15

SUNDAY, 5/8

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 5/9

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

UKirk Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 5/10

Handbell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.

Session 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 5/11

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

Bible Study 11:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, 5/12

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

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.

Bridgette will be out of the office on May 11-12 doing an audit with First Presbyterian Church–Holt. Kristin will be out of the office from May 15 to May 20.

Special Gathering for Kids May 15

Children 5th grade and younger are invited to gather after worship for a special time together while parents are enjoying fellowship on May 15. We will meet in the sanctuary for about 30 minutes of play, exploration and creating together.



**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!

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