



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
August 14, 2022

The graphic features a background of a light-colored brick wall. In the bottom left corner, there is an illustration of an open book with a yellow ribbon. A yellow line extends from the book, looping upwards to frame a red, scalloped-edged speech bubble. Inside the bubble, the text "THAT'S IN THE BIBLE?" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. To the right of the bubble, the text "Finding Life in Some of the Bible's Weird and Lesser Known Stories" is written in a smaller, black, serif font. At the bottom of the graphic, a dark blue horizontal bar contains the text "Summer Sermon Series" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

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Summer Sermon Series

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

August 14, 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. We gather today to worship the One who created us,

P. The One who calls us,

L. The One who equips us,

P. The One who loves us without end.

L. With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

*Hymn #14 For the Beauty of the Earth

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God,

in your presence we confess

our failure to be what you created us to be.

You alone know how often we have sinned

in wandering from your ways,

in wasting your gifts,

in forgetting your love.

By your loving mercy,

help us to live in your light

and abide in your ways,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sung Response #19** God of Great and God of Small (vs 1)

***God of great and God of small,
God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong,
God to whom all things belong,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.***

The Sacrament of Baptism

Alexandria Jayne Jones

Presentation

Profession 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 at 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***

The Baptism

Sung Response #482 Baptized in Water

***Baptized in water; sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.***

***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 Kings 6:1-7

Sermon "A Floating Ax Head"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Ordination & Installation of Officers

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 #308** O God in Whom All Life Begins

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sam O'Neill

Children's Message: Mary Lou Clifton

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Robin Bell

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Ushers

Head usher: Cindy Nixon, Matt Nixon

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Counters

Dave Duryea and Matt Nixon

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Mary Ann & Dave Merchant in honor of their anniversary.

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:

August 14 through August 21

SUNDAY, 8/14

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Deacons 11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, 8/15

Trivia at Sanctuary in Grand Ledge 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 8/18

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 8/21

Outdoor Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Baptism: Today we baptize Alexandria “Allie” Jones, daughter of Mike and Megan Jones. She was born on August 14, 2022. Welcome, child of God!

Installation of Officers: Today we also install our new officers. We give thanks to those who have finished their term as Elders and Deacons: Judy Dickinson, Mike Jones, and Estelle McGroarty. We also welcome our new officers or those who agreed to a second term: Susan Smalley, Bob Walter, Terry Graham, Mary Lou Clifton, Beverly Bonning, Jeff Lapinski, Barb Dalzell, and Sulin Campbell.

Outdoor Worship

Next Sunday, August 21st we are having an outdoor worship service. Please bring your own chair or a blanket. We will enjoy fellowship outdoors after worship.

Judson Love Clothing Center Needs Volunteers

Judson is looking for volunteers for their Back-to-School season in 2022. They are open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

They'd love to have teams of between 5 to 10 people to cover a shift. Dates needed are Aug. 20, 27. To sign up, please call 394-5413, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars: September 11th will be our kick-off Sunday. We will worship outdoors and provide lunch afterwards.