



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
August 28, 2022**



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 28, 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 come to hear the stories of our faith;
stories of other people
in another world
long ago.

*P. We come to hear the stories of our faith;
stories that are well-known and loved,
stories that are unknown and strange.*

L. We come to hear the stories of our faith
that are also about us
today,
in this place.

*P. God give us ears to listen,
eyes to see, hearts to accept
and openness to find life in your stories.*

*Hymn #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you are the sculptor of the universe. You have filled the earth with living creatures, strong as the humpback whale, small as a bacterium impossible to see, loyal as our pets, and wild as untamed beasts. You are the author of our stories, creating us and bearing witness to our beauty, our mistakes, and our hopes.

We confess that sometimes the stories of faith seem like tall tales from a fishing weekend - impossible to believe. We confess that we fail to see the rich diversity of your creation or see you in the faces of our neighbors.

Forgive us and make us witnesses of your stories, that we might recognize that same work in our own lives — miraculous moments in the midst of the everyday.

***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.*

***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 17:24-27

Sermon “Money doesn’t grow on trees, but it does grow in fish”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

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 #462** I Love to Tell the Story

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today’s service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Lawson Temples and Amanda Lanier

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Susan Smalley

Worship Credits: The prayer of confession is adapted from a prayer by Emmy R. Kegler; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Ushers

Head usher: Brenda Ramsby

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Counters

Estelle McGroarty and Susan Smalley

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Brenda Ramsby to celebrate her daughter after a difficult year.

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 28 through September 4

SUNDAY, 8/28

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 8/29

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

TUESDAY, 8/30

Bell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 8/31

Outreach Team meeting 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 9/1

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 8/28

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

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



Looking for recommendations: The Merchants are looking for a home health aide. If you have any recommendations for a reliable person or a company, please let them know.



Bell Choir: Rehearsals begin Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join. No experience is necessary. Contact Heather Myer for more information.