



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
September 4, 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](http://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

September 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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## GATHERING

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

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

### **\*Call to Worship**

L. From daily worries that distract and distort your  
life-giving path,

*P. gather us, O God.*

L. From suffering that overwhelms and weighs heavy  
on our hearts,

*P. gather us, O God.*

L. From temptations to escape through worldly  
addictions and comforts,

*P. gather us, O God.*

L. We choose you and Christ's way. Help us attend to  
your presence with us in worship.

*P. Let us worship God.*

**\*Hymn #5**    *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

### **\*Call to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies. Yet we take these lives for granted, choosing destructive paths and unhealthy habits. We turn to idols that addict and enslave, instead of the liberating resources Christ provides. Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer, and grant us the wisdom to follow you in faith. Amen.*

### **\*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**      Jeremiah 18:1-11

**Sermon**      "Around and Around We Go"

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **Time of Reflection**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*From a Brief Statement of Faith*)

***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,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.***

***But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God's commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God's condemnation.***

***Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.***

***In everlasting love,  
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people  
to bless all families of the earth.***

***Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.***

***Loving us still,  
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.***

***Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.***

**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 #546** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Guest Preacher: Rev. Ben Rumbaugh

Worship Leader: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Mike Brown

Worship Credits: The liturgy is by Rev. Teri McDowell Ott and the *Presbyterian Outlook*; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

**Introducing Rev. Ben Rumbaugh**

Today we welcome Rev. Ben Rumbaugh! Ben is a local Presbyterian minister working at the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest. JVCNW supports young adults as they live out the values of intentional community, spirituality, social justice, and simple living while serving in nonprofits and community organizations across the Northwest United States. He is the proud spouse of Lauren who is a crisis therapist at MSU and together they are pup parents to Manchego and Gouda (the cheese boys).

## **Ushers**

Head usher: Barb Stowitts

## **Greeter**

Becky Brown

## **Counters**

Sam O'Neill and Linda Hardenbergh

## **Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Ted and Pat Hagan in memory of Lila Davis.

## **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:**

*September 4 through Sept. 11*

### **SUNDAY, 9/4**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.

### **MONDAY, 9/5 OFFICE CLOSED**

Trivia at Sanctuary in Grand Ledge	7:00 p.m.
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### **TUESDAY, 9/6**

Bell Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
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### **THURSDAY, 9/8**

Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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### **SUNDAY, 9/11**

Outdoor 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.



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

**UKRAINIAN  
QUILT RAFFLE**

**September 11- October 2, 2022**  
Tickets \$5/ea. May be purchased in the Church Office,  
Drawing on October 2 at Noon

**Quilt raffle:** Starting Sept. 11, we will be selling raffle tickets for a hand-made quilt. Made in Ukrainian flag colors, all proceeds will go to the Ukrainian war relief efforts. Cash or check only; tickets are \$5 a piece.

**Nursery volunteers:** Going forward, our nursery/toddler room will be staffed by volunteers. If you would like to be one of them, we are reopening Sept. 18. We need two adults (age 18 or older) each week. The service will be live-streamed on a television directly into the space. All volunteers will be background checked. To volunteer, please call the church office, contact Neil Myer at [neil@eastminsterchurch.org](mailto:neil@eastminsterchurch.org) or sign up in the Narthex.