

Service for the Lord's Day November 13, 2022

Everything is a gift.
The degree to which we are awake to the truth is a measure of our gratefulness and gratefulness is a measure of our aliveness.

-David Steindl-Rast

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. We do have masks available at the welcome table for those who would like



to wear them.

Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Your child can sit with you in the pew or sit in the space created for children at the front of the sanctuary. Our nursery is on the lower level for children 3 and under. It is staffed by two background-checked volunteers.

Hymn books and Bibles can be found under the pews.

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. 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

November 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Opening Song #658

God Is So Good

*Call to Worship

- L. When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:
- P. Grateful for the presence of hope, grateful for the gift of life.
- L. When I remember to look for God's presence in the world, I am grateful:
- P. Grateful for the presence of love, grateful for the gift of companionship.
- L. When I see God's presence in this community, I rejoice:
- P. Grateful that God is where we walk, where we stand, where we gather.

*Hymn #367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession
Gracious God,
You promise to always be with us.
You promise that nothing can separate us from you.
You promise that you are gentle, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Yet, we confess that we do not always feel your presence. We confess that we forget to look for you. We confess that we do not always love you, our neighbors, or your creation. We confess that we are quick to anger and slow to listen. Forgive us, Loving God. Heal us and make us quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



^{*}Passing of the Peace (Share the peace of Christ with the person next to you)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Special Music Called to the Light Handbell Quartet

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading James 1:17-27

Sermon The Discipline of Gratitude

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 #643 Now Thank We All Our God

*Charge & Benediction

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble Worship Leader: Debi Cox

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist/Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Handbell Choir Director: Heather Myer

Video Producer: Mike Brown

<u>Worship Credits:</u> The Call to Worship is adapted from a prayer by Beth Merril Neel; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

<u>Usher</u>

Cindy Nixon

Greeter

Connie Cullum

Counters

Dave Duryea, Matt Nixon

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Neil and Heather Myer in honor of Lacy's birthday.

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:

Nov. 13 through Nov. 20

SUNDAY, 11/13

Worship 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 11:00 a.m.
Deacons Meeting 11:30 a.m.
Brass Quintet Concert 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 11/15

Bell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Committee 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 11/16

Community Connections Committee 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 11/17

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 11/18

Church Building Work Morning 10:00a.m.

SUNDAY, 11/20

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

Bridgette will be out of the office through Nov. 14.

Brass Quintet Concert

Today at 2pm there will be a Brass Quintet concert featuring music from Duke Ellington, Richard Wagner, J.S. Bach, Rodgers & Hammerstein and more. This is the first in a series of concerts at Eastminster. The concert is free and a light reception will follow.

Stewardship: Together for Joy

Thank you to all those who have pledged. If you haven't yet, there is still time. Extra pledge cards are in the Narthex.

Drivers Wanted

Eastminster has several church members who need rides to and from Sunday service. As of now, these members all reside in East Lansing. Your help will be greatly appreciated, especially as our weather turns colder. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Jeff Lapinski at 517 316 6292. Thanks!

Greater Lansing Interfaith Service: Coming Together in Story and Song

On Monday, November 14th at 7:00pm there will be an interfaith service that all are invited to. It will be at University United Methodist Church (1120 S. Harrison, East Lansing). An offering will be taken for the Global Institute of Lansing (GIL) and a reception will follow.