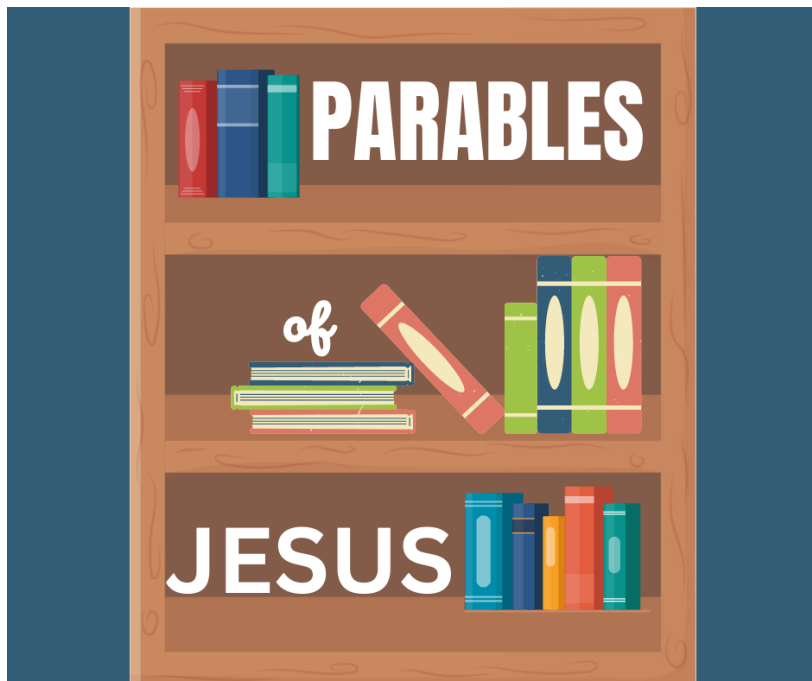




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
January 29, 2023**



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

January 29, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Opening Song #743

Step by Step

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise
you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will
learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead
me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

G D C D
G Dsus7 D7 G D C D
G Em Dsus D
C Am7 G
D C Dsus7 D7 G

***Call to Worship**

P. The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

L. A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;
it is the smallest of all the seeds,
but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,
so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

P. The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

L. Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour
until all was leavened.

P. The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

L. Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid;
then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

P. The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

L. A merchant in search of fine pearls;
on finding one of great value,
sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

P. The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

L. Let all who have ears, hear.

***Hymn #19** *God of Great and God of Small*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

***O Lord our God, we confess
that we do not reflect your glory.
We devote ourselves to small things
while you work for a greater purpose.
We distract ourselves with grand designs
while you surprise us with hidden wonders.
Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives
so that we may know your will,
seek your way, and share your work,
to the glory of your holy name.***

***Silent Confession**

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response #447 We Are Forgiven

The musical notation is for a 3/4 time signature piece in G major. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The guitar chords are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

***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 13:33-35

Sermon The Kingdom of Heaven is like Yeast

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in the love-kingdom of God, through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us.

We believe the love-kingdom is like a mustard seed; sown in apparent insignificance, growing into magnificence for the greening of the world.

We believe the love-kingdom is like yeast; inserted in humble insignificance into the dough of life, expanding into enough bread for the world.

We believe the love-kingdom of God is like a treasure; lost and rendered insignificant under the ground, now found with joy and thanksgiving.

We believe the love-kingdom of God is like pearls; all others become insignificant when the largest, most beautiful pearl of all is found.

We believe the love-kingdom of God is like a net full of fish; where even insignificant sardines are saved but worm-ridden barracuda are thrown away.

We believe in the love-kingdom of God, through Christ upon us, within us, beyond us;
where the meek and the poor, the merciful and the hungry,
rejoice with the angels of God.

Loving God, we believe; scatter our unbelief.

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 #771** What is the World Like

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Norm Mackay

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist/Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

Worship Credits: The Call to Worship is by Katherine Hawker; The Affirmation of faith is by Bruce Prewer, *bruceprewer.com*; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Usher

Head Usher: Barbara Stowitts; Cindy Nixon

Greeter

Mary Lou Clifton

Flowers

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

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

This Week at Eastminster:

Jan. 29 through Feb. 5

SUNDAY, 1/29

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Fellowship	post-meeting
Children/Youth Gathering	post-meeting
MONDAY, 1/30	
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 2/1	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Morning Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
THURSDAY, 2/2	
Infrastructure Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 2/5	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Today after worship

The annual meeting of the congregation/corporation will take place after church today. We will vote on the slate of nominating committee members, pastor's terms of call, and review the financials for the year. The annual report is available in the Narthex and was emailed out. It is also available on our website.

A gathering for children, youth and their grown ups next Sunday after the congregational meeting

All children and youth (birth through 12th grade) and their grown ups are invited to a lunch and fellowship gathering in the church fellowship hall today (after the congregational meeting). It will be a great time to connect with one another and talk about ministry possibilities.

Flowers for 2023

Our flower prices have gone up for the first time in many years, so new flower dedications will be \$50. You can sign up outside the church office or online. Payments can be made by check in the offering plate or in the locked box outside the church office or by paying online under "Sanctuary Flowers."

Refugee Development Center Welcome Kits

Eastminster has committed to making welcome kits for the Refugee Development Center to distribute during 2023. Every new arrival in Lansing gets one of these kits. We will be collecting items on an ongoing basis. We have printed off cards with items needed. Some of the items that go in the kit are bars of soap, dish soap, shampoo, toothpaste, sugar, etc. If you are willing to help with the kit, pick up a card and return the items purchased by placing them in the Green Room. You can also contact Kristin (revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org) and she can let you know what the most needed items are at the moment. Let's help welcome refugees to our community this year!

Mark Your Calendars

We've got a couple upcoming events that you'll want to put on your calendars!

- Saxophone Quartet Concert: Sunday, February 12th at 3 p.m.
- Mardi Gras Lunch: Sunday, February 19 after worship
- Ash Wednesday Worship Service: February 22nd at 7 p.m.



Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster.
