



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**February 26, 2023**



**seeking:**  
*Who will you  
listen to?*

# 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](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. 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

February 26, 2023

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.*

### **Opening Video**    *Land of the Seeking*

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

L. Listen!

*P. There is hope to be found here.*

L. Listen!

*P. God calls you by name here.*

L. Listen!

*P. There is love that abides here.*

L. This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

*P. God is speaking.*

L. Let us worship.

*P. Amen.*

## \*Hymn #392 Jesus, We Are Here

1 Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus, we are here; Je - sus,  
1 Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su, ta - wa pa - no; Je - su,

*Leader:* Wel - come, Je - sus.

*Mam - bo Je - su.*

we are here; we are here for you.  
ta - wa pa - no; ta - wa pa - no, mu zi - ta re - nyu.

2 Savior,... 3 Teacher,... 4 Spirit,...

When coming to worship involves long and possibly dangerous travel, “we are here” voices a powerful commitment as well as a desire to build community with those who have gathered. Some of that meaning can be grasped if this song is sung in parts, especially in the original Shona.

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JESUS, TAWA PANO

Irregular

## \*Call to Confession

## \*Prayer of Confession

*Holy God,*

*Too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications. In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice. Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like. Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you. With earnest hearts we pray, amen.*

## \*Silent Confession

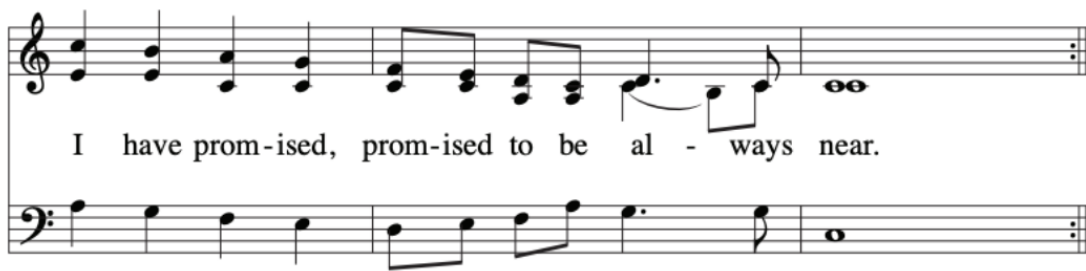
## \*Assurance of Pardon

**\*Sung Response** Don't Be Afraid (*sung twice*)

Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er,

my love is strong - er than your fear.

Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er and



**\*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** Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 4:1-11

**Sermon** Who will you listen to?

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

L. In a world full of noise,

***P. we believe that God is speaking.***

L. In a world full of chaos,

***P. we believe that God is singing.***

L. In a world full of temptation,

***P. we believe that God is healing.***

L. Church, who will you listen to?

***P. We will listen to God—our Creator, Friend, and Guide.***

L. Church, what will you listen for?

*P. We will listen for water in the desert, for the wind of the Spirit,  
for the laughter of children,  
for the sound of open doors,  
and for God's voice, who calls us beloved.  
Amen.*

### **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 #803**      My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

### **\*Charge & Benediction**

### **Postlude**

### **Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Tom Hardenbergh

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist/Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

Worship Credits: The liturgy is written by Sarah Speed, A Sanctified Art; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Worship Art: The logo for our Lenten Sermon Series is an eye. Each week we will be adding imagery to the eye in the sanctuary. The eye summarizes the theme of seeking, while referencing various scriptural texts: Adam and Eve's eyes are opened, Jesus rubs mud on the blind man's eyes, Jesus asks Mary, "Who are you looking for?"

## **Ushers**

Head Usher: Cindy Nixon; Matt Nixon

## **Greeter**

Ron Davis

## **Flowers**

Today's flowers are given in honor of Donna Farner's 95th 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

## **This Week at Eastminster:**

*Feb. 26 through March 5*

### **SUNDAY, 2/26**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Intergenerational Education	11:15 a.m.

### **MONDAY, 2/27**

Quintet Practice	1:00 p.m.
UKirk Meal	6:00 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 3/1**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Morning Bible Study	10:30 a.m.

### **THURSDAY, 3/2**

Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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### **SUNDAY, 3/5**

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## **MSU Care**

We have set up a MSU Care Fund, which will be used for the care of students, staff, and faculty. Anyone can donate, either online, using a church envelope or writing a check to Eastminster with the memo line “MSU Care” on it. There will be a lot of care needed in the days to come, so let us know if you have ideas or hear of needs that Eastminster or UKirk can help with.

## **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 the end of the month placing them in the Green Room. You can also contact Kristin ([revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org](mailto:revstroble@eastminsterchurch.org)) and she can let you know what the most needed items are at the moment. Let's help welcome refugees.

## **Advent House**

Our next Advent House meal is March 11. We are still looking for five people to sign up for soup (see recipe below), and someone to sign up for bread (60 hot sandwich breads such as hoagies or hamburger buns) and 60 servings of fruit. We also need people to come in and assemble the lunches. Please let us know if you can help out. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call the office.

## **Lenten Devotionals**

Lenten devotionals and prayer cards are available at the church. If you would like to have one mailed to you, please let the church office know.