



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
March 12, 2023



seeking:
*Will you give
me a drink?*

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

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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. We gather together —

*P. the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,
in hopes of seeing God.*

L. We gather together —

*P. the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,
in hopes of finding peace.*

L. We gather together —

*P. those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,
in hopes of finding justice.*

L. So come to the well,
come to the table.

Come, let us worship God. Amen.

***Hymn #475** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Family of faith, as hard as it is to imagine...

This is the good news of the gospel:

God's grace is deeper than any well. We are seen, loved and forgiven.

May this realization change and inspire us. Amen.

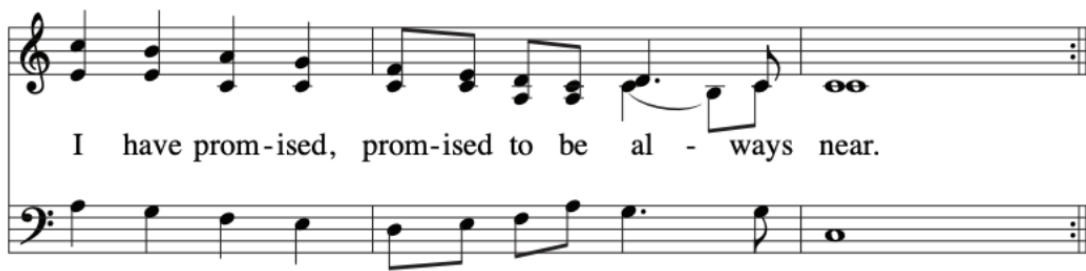
***Sung Response Don't Be Afraid**

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. Each system has a treble staff with a vocal line and a bass staff with a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: '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'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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 Exodus 17:1-7

Scripture Reading John 4:5-42

Sermon Will you give me a drink?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

L. We believe that a glass of water given to us
by a stranger can taste like justice.

P. We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.

L. We believe that all God's children have a voice and something to say.

***P. We believe that Jesus loves the outcast,
the ignored, the shamed, and the abandoned.***

L. We believe in asking questions.

P. We believe in curiosity.

L. We believe in giving people a drink.

P. May we be brave enough to give people a drink. 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 #182** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Robin Bell

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist/Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

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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. Today we added a drop of water which references Jesus asking a Samaritan woman for a drink and offers her living water.

Ushers

Head Usher: Cindy Nixon; Matt Nixon

Greeter

Irv Nichols

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Sam O'Neill in celebration of her mother's life. Jeanette O'Keefe McGowan would have been 101 years old.

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:

March 12 through March 19

SUNDAY, 3/12

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Intergenerational Education	11:15 a.m.
ConTempus String Quartet	3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 3/13

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

TUESDAY, 3/14

Session	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 3/15

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Morning Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Community Connections	7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 3/16

Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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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 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) and she can let you know what the most needed items are at the moment. Let's help welcome refugees.

ConTempus String Quartet Concert



Eastminster Concert Series, Sunday, March 12, 2023, 3 p.m.

ConTempus Quartet centers dances as they play works by Florence Price—a 20th Century African American female composer, Victor Marquez-Barrios—Venezuelan composer and MSU alum

The free concert will be followed by a small reception in the Green Room.

Remaining concerts in the series include:

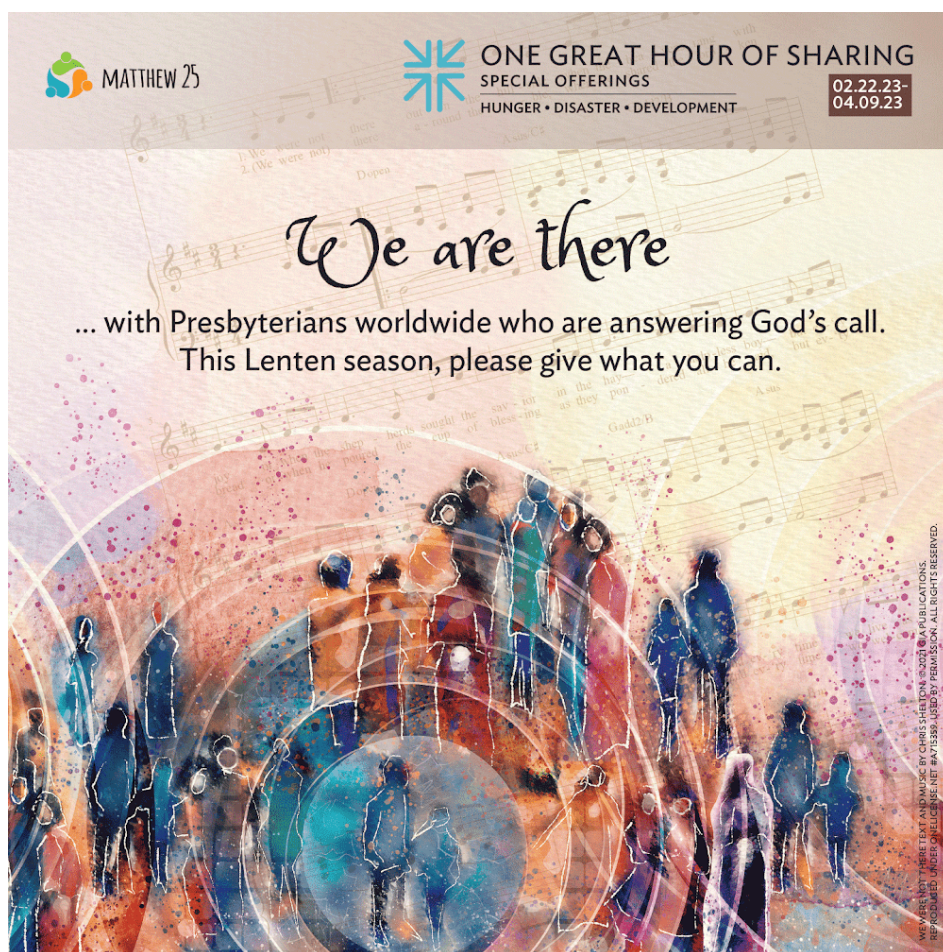
- Dale Voelker Organ Recital, April 23, 3 p.m.
- Capital City Bell Ringers, April 28, 7 p.m.

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing's original goal was to make the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer from the effects of disaster, conflict or severe economic crisis.

Today, the purpose of One Great Hour of Sharing has remained the same, responding to needs in 100 countries, including the U.S. and Canada. The last time it was reported the funds exceeded \$20 million annually funded by eight denominations.

This season of Lent and the tradition of "One Great Hour of Sharing" combine to remind us that our faith is not only about the words we speak or proclaim or sing, but the Christian faith is a very human, relationship-building faith done in the name of God. Our faith is made real, and we are made real to one another, not by the abstractions of our theology, and not solely by our monetary gifts, but by the presence of God mediated through the meeting the physical needs of those who are hurting.





Creato Divina–Art & Spirituality Workshop

Eastminster and UKirk will be hosting an art and spirituality workshop for MSU faculty, staff and students. If you know of anyone interested in participating, please refer them to the UKirk website to register.

Packing care packages

We'll be packing a second round of care packages for MSU students returning from spring break today after worship. You are welcome to join us and help assemble them.

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