



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
March 5, 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
Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 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. What is it like to begin again?

P. It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.

L. It is like babies, learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.

P. It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.

It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.

L. May we find God in our seeking.

P. May we learn as we go.

L. May we be brave enough to begin again.

P. Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

***Hymn** Begin again

In the deep night of the soul Rich in ques-tions, yearn-ing for
In the sun - set of our life Af - ter years of joy and strife
Ev - ery mo - ment, ev - ery hour Spir - it gifts us with the power

Life that mat-ters far be-yond Pick - et fen - ces and front lawns
As we pon - der le - ga - cy Won - der - ing what we will leave
To be - gin our life a - new What then will we choose to do?

When we tire of life mun-dane We can still be - gin a - gain
When the lights are grow - ing dim We can still be - gin a - gain
Close a chap - ter, lift the pen To once more be - gin a - gain

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of new life, you call us into unknown places,
and we bury our heads in the sand.

You promise all the stars in the sky,
and we doubt it can be true.

You speak of new life in the Spirit,
and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.

Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you.

Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes.

Give us the courage to begin again with you. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

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

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

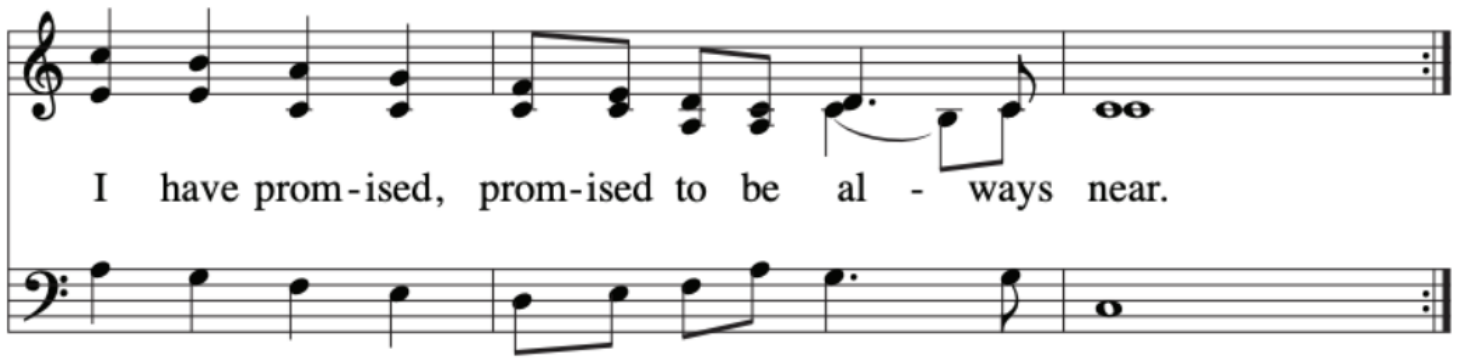
The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a whole rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The bass clef staff contains a whole rest. The lyrics are "Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er,".

my love is strong - er than your fear.

The second system of musical notation continues in 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F3, a quarter note E3, and a half note D3. The bass clef staff contains a quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, and a half note C2. The lyrics are "my love is strong - er than your fear.".

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

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***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 12:1-4

Scripture Reading John 3:1-17

Sermon How do we begin again?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Communion & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Please come forward down the center aisle to receive by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup and partake. You may return down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served at their seats.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #774** There Is Now a New Creation

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sue Kalvonjian

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist/Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

Communion Servers: Sue Kalvonjian, Sulin Campbell, Robin Bell, Mike Brown

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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 star which references how Nicodemus finds and questions Jesus at night.

Ushers

Head Usher: Barb Stowitts; Elaine Cable

Greeter

Bruce Augenstein

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:

March 5 through March 12

SUNDAY, 3/5

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

MONDAY, 3/6

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

WEDNESDAY, 3/8

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

THURSDAY, 3/9

Infrastructure	2:30 p.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, 3/11

Advent House	8:30 a.m.
PageTurners	11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, 3/12

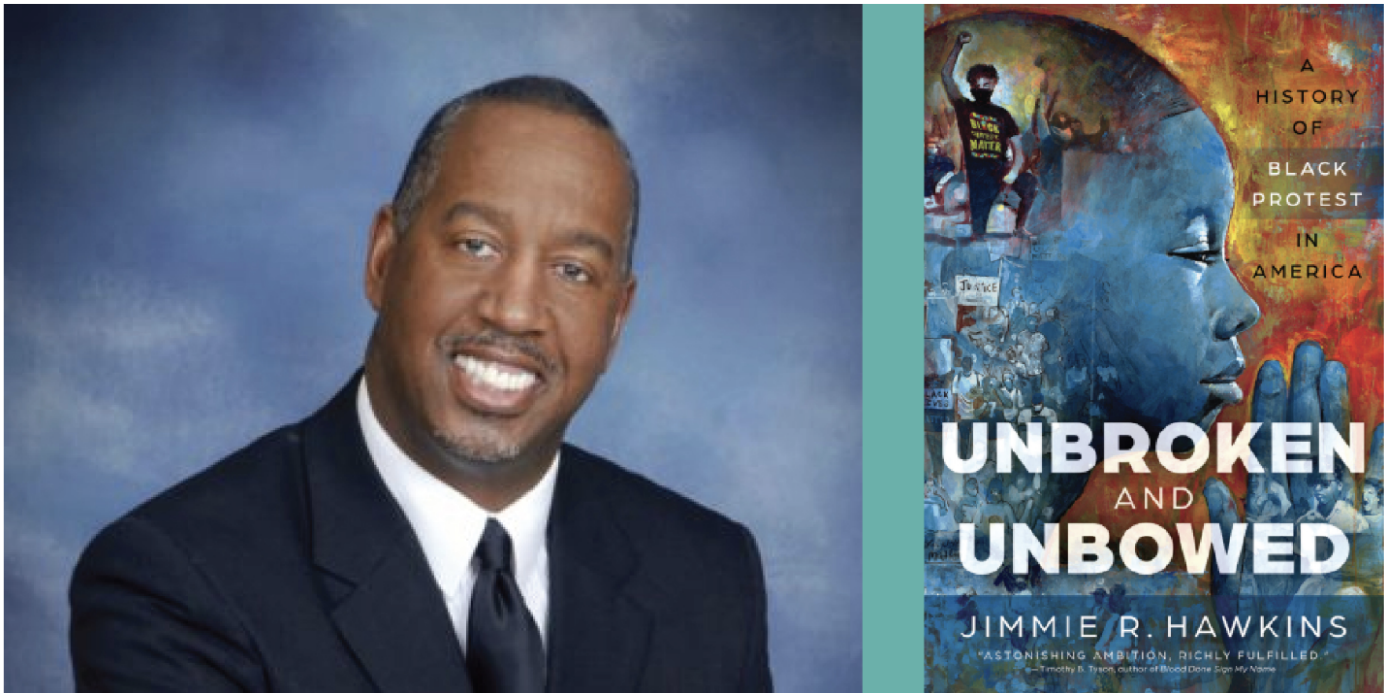
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Intergenerational Education
ConTempus String Quartet

11:15 a.m.
3:00 p.m.

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.



Conversation on Gun Violence and How the Church Can Respond Friday, March 10th 5 p.m. at Okemos Presbyterian Church

All are welcome to attend a conversation about gun violence in America with Jimmie Hawkins and how churches can respond. This is an especially important conversation given the recent gun violence at Michigan State University.

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.

PageTurners, March 11, 10:30 a.m.

The next book club meeting will feature Richard Wagamese's "Indian Horse," a lyrical coming-of-age novel about a Native youth who is undeniably gifted but faces constant hurdles of racism and hatred.

They meet by Zoom. Contact Mary Harvey or Rev. Kristin Stroble for the link.

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.

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