



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
April 2, 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
From Palms to Passion

April 2, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

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

Call to Worship

L. On Palm Sunday so many years ago, the people saw Jesus and asked,

P. Who is this?

L. In worship, we respond. In worship, we declare:

P. Jesus is a miracle worker and healer.

L. Jesus is a teacher and preacher.

P. Jesus is our light in the darkness.

L. Jesus is our source of love.

P. Jesus is our path in the wilderness.

L. So may we lay down our hearts like they laid down their coats.

P. Let us worship Holy God.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD TOGETHER

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:1-11

Opening Litany

ALL: Who is this?

M1: I heard he was a carpenter's son.

M2: I heard he was from Nazareth.

M4: Can anything good come from Nazareth?

ALL: Who is this?

M4: I heard he knew John the Baptist.

M5: I heard he was related to John the Baptist.

M2: I heard he can heal people.

M3: Do you think he can heal me?

M4: Who is he?

M5: I heard he talks to Gentiles.

M2: I heard he talks to children!

M3: And women!

M1: And tax collectors!

M4: Seriously, who is this?

M5: I heard he's the Son of David.

M2: I heard he's the Son of Man.

M3: I heard he's the one we've been waiting for.

M1: I heard he was born of a Virgin.

M2: I heard he was born in a stable.

ALL: Who is this?

M2: Why is he riding a donkey?

M3: How does he have so many followers?

M1: Do you think Caesar knows that a man from Nazareth
has been welcomed with such a large parade?

ALL: Who is this?

M3: I don't know who he is, but I've heard he's gracious and kind.

M1: I heard he fed five thousand.

M5: I heard he survived the wilderness.

M4: I heard he helped the blind man see.

M3: Do you think he sees me?

M2: I heard he walked on water! Is that even possible?

M5: I heard he can save us.

M3: I heard he can save all of us.

M2: Who is this?

ALL: Who is this?

***Hymn #196** All Glory, Laud, & Honor

Scripture Reading Tables Turned | Matthew 21:12-13

Dramatic Reading Monday | The woman in the temple

Prayer of Confession

L. Confess with me:

P. God — for all the things we try to hide from you, forgive us. Amen.

Silent Confession

Scripture Reading Authority Questioned | Matthew 21:23

Dramatic Reading Tuesday | A Pharisee

Scripture Reading Anointed | Matthew 26:6-13

Dramatic Reading Wednesday | The woman with the alabaster jar

Time of Reflection

Scripture Reading Betrayal | Matthew 26:14-16

Dramatic Reading Wednesday | Judas

Scripture Reading The Last Supper | Matthew 26:17-30

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.

Scripture Reading The Garden | Matthew 26:36-47

Dramatic Reading Thursday Night | A disciple in the garden of Gethsemane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn #215 What Wondrous Love is This

Closing Litany Who is he?

ALL: Who is he?

L: On Sunday he was everything—the center of the parade, the center of our attention. His arrival was holy and unexpected and beautiful.

ALL: Who is he?

M1: On Monday he turned the world upside down. He flipped the tables while he flipped the script. I've never seen anything like it before.

ALL: Who is he?

M2: On Tuesday he was a teacher. But he wasn't like the other teachers. He sat and they sat. He spoke and they listened. What they don't know is he hasn't earned his place.

ALL: Who is he?

M3: On Wednesday he pulled me from the wilderness. He gave me the gift of new life, so I gave him all that I had. People may have stared and talked, but newness does that to people.

ALL: Who is he?

M4: On Wednesday he was nothing more than a man worth 30 pieces of silver.

ALL: Who is he?

L: On Thursday he was the body broken for us, the blood shed for us.

ALL: Who is he?

M5: On Thursday he was betrayed. He was arrested. He was treated like a convict. On Thursday he was alone, and I was asleep.

ALL: Who is he?

L: It's the question everyone is asking.

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Linda Hardenbergh

Readers: Robin Bell, Mike Brown, Jeff Lapinski, Neil Myer, Sam O'Neill

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. This week the palm leaves were added to the image.

Ushers

Head Usher: Barb Stowitts; Elaine Cable

Greeter

Ron Davis

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
Bridgette Redman
Tamar Mikeladze

Director of Christian Education
Office Administrator
Organist

This Week at Eastminster:

April 2 through April 9

SUNDAY, 4/2 Palm Sunday

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

MONDAY, 4/3

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

WEDNESDAY, 4/5

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Morning Bible Study	10:30 a.m. (Zoom only)

THURSDAY, 4/6 Maundy Thursday

Infrastructure Meeting	2:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 4/7 Good Friday

Quintet Practice	1:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY, 4/9 Easter Sunday

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

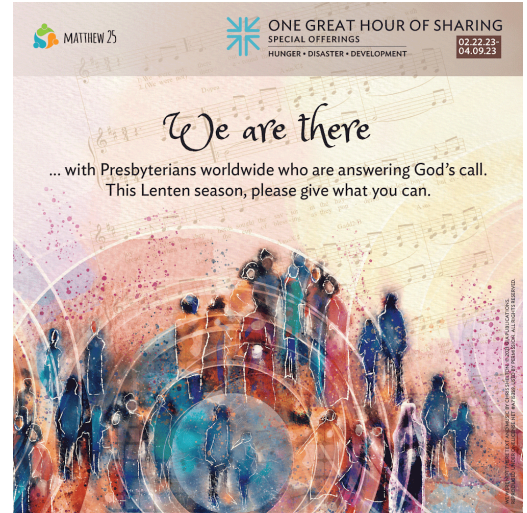
Maundy Thursday Service, April 6

Maundy Thursday service will be at 7 p.m., in-person and live streamed. We will gather together for dinner at 6 p.m. Please sign up to bring soup, bread and salad.

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.



Advent House

Our next Advent House meal is April 8. We still need more people to sign up to bring soup!

UKirk Trivia Night

Mark your calendars—UKirk's biannual fundraiser will be on April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos. Consider forming your own team or joining Eastminster's team. Talk to Mike Brown for more information. You can now bid on silent auction items by going to UKirk's website, ukirkmsu.org

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies are coming soon to beautify our sanctuary for Easter. Would you like to make a dedication? A list of memorials/honoraria will be in the bulletins on April 9 and 16. Please complete the form in the Narthex and drop a check in the offering plate or pay online at our website.

Please submit your order by Monday, April 3.

Please note that this is for a dedication only. You will not be able to take the flowers home as we will order only three lilies for the chancel. Thank you!

Easter Choir

We are putting together a choir for Easter Sunday. Anyone is welcome to participate. A rehearsal will be today after worship. Please let the church office or Sulin Campbell know if you would like to participate.



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