



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**April 16, 2023**

DEATH BEING ALONE DYING SUFFERING FUTURE FAILURE  
UNKNOWN PAIN ABANDONMENT AGING  
CHANGE CANCER MISSING OUT REJECTION

*Un* **AFRAID**  
living with hope and courage

VIOLENCE FAILURE BEING ALONE DISAPPOINTING OTHERS PAIN LOSS  
UNCERTAINTY EVIL THE OTHER LONELINESS  
GETTING HURT SICKNESS CLIMATE CHANGE SCARCITY

## 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 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 the space created for children at the front of the sanctuary.



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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

April 16, 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.*

**Threshold Moment**     *Do Not Fear* by The Many

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

The stone is rolled away and danger looms;

*but Christ says, "Peace be with you."*

Giants roam and storms come;

*but God says, "I am with you."*

In the midst of fear, the Spirit beckons:

*Come and worship to find courage;*

*come and worship to find peace.*

**\*Hymn #231** Christ has Risen While Earth Slumbers

### **\*Call to Confession**

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

*Mysterious God,*

*the disciples were locked in a room because they feared what they couldn't understand. We confess that, like them, our doubts and fears at times override our hope and faith. We wish that change could be easy for us, but more often than not, when whispers of*

*change come, we tend to clench our fists and hold on tighter. Forgives us for resisting change that might be holy. Forgive us for failing to hear your invitation. Guide our steps into unfamiliar places. Gratefully we pray, Amen.*

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Sung Response #243 Be Not Afraid**



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation for 'Be Not Afraid' is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, featuring a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and some moving lines.



Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It follows the same musical style as the first system, with a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time and one flat. The melody and accompaniment continue, leading to a final cadence at the end of the system.

**\*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**      John 20:19-23

**Scripture Reading**      Numbers 13-14 (selections)

**Sermon**      Fear at the edge of the Promised Land

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

#### **Time of Reflection**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** from a Brief Statement of Faith

*In life and in death we belong to God.*

*Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,*

*and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.*

*In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"*

#### **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 #238** Thine Is the Glory

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Barb Lowes

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist/Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

Worship Credits: "Do Not Fear" by the Many with lyrics by Lenora Rand, Music by Hannah Rand, 2020 Plural Guild Music, Used with Permission; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

**Ushers**

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian

**Greeter**

Barb Dalzell

**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:**

*April 16 through April 23, 2023*

## **SUNDAY, 4/16**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Deacons	11:30 a.m.

## **MONDAY, 4/17**

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

## **TUESDAY, 4/18**

UKirk Board	6:30 p.m.
Faith Formation	7:30 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY, 4/19**

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

## **THURSDAY, 4/20**

Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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## **FRIDAY, 4/21**

Quintet Practice	1:00 p.m.
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## **SUNDAY, 4/23**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Organ Concert	3:00 p.m.

## **Eastminster Concert Series**

The final two concerts in the Eastminster Concert Series are coming up this month. Please help us spread the word!

- **Organ Concert:** Dale Voelker will be playing on Sunday, April 23 at 3 p.m.
- **The Capital City Bell Ringers:** The Hand Bell Choir that Kristin is a part of will return for its spring concert on Friday, April 28 at 7 p.m.

**Church Anniversary:** Next Sunday, April 23rd, we will be celebrating Eastminster's anniversary and honoring our 50-year members.

## Easter Flowers

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Barb Dalzell	John Dalzell
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Shirley and William Paxton	Marcia Engelkes
	Our parents
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	Bridgette Redman



## **Eastminster Church Officers**

**Elders and Deacons for 2022-2023**  
**Susan Smalley, Clerk/Robert Kleine, Treasurer**

<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Robin Bell	Beverly Bonning
Mike Brown	Sulin Campbell
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