



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**April 23, 2023**

DEATH

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

FAILURE

*Un* **AFRAID**

living with hope and courage

VIOLENCE

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

LOSS

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



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 23, 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**

L. In the midst of life's storms,

*P. Christ says to us "do not fear."*

L. In the darkness and terror,

*P. God promises never to leave us.*

L. As we journey through uncertainty and fear,

*P. May the Spirit's presence grant us courage and hope.*

**\*Hymn #248**      *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

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

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

*They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.*

*Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our siblings, even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**\*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 in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B-flat4, and a half note C5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and 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 maintains the same 4/4 time and key signature. The melody in the treble staff concludes with a half note G4 and a quarter note A4. The bass staff continues its accompaniment.

**\*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** Psalm 139:1-18

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 8:23-27

**Sermon**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Time of Reflection**

**Recognition of Charter and Fifty-Year Members**

**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 #463**      *How Firm a Foundation*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sara Weeden

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; The Prayer of Confession is by Thom Shuman; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

**Ushers**

Head Usher: Beverly Bonning; Jeff Lapinski

## **Greeter**

Sue Kalvonjian

## **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:**

*April 23 through April 30, 2023*

### **SUNDAY, 4/23**

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

### **MONDAY, 4/24**

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

### **WEDNESDAY, 4/26**

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

### **THURSDAY, 4/27**

Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
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### **FRIDAY, 4/28**

Quintet Practice	1:00 p.m.
Handbell Concert	7:00 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, 4/29**

UKirk Study Hours	
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### **SUNDAY, 4/30**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
UKirk Study Hours	

## 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 today at 3 p.m.
- **Capital City Bell Ringers:** The Hand Bell Choir that our pastor is a part of will hold its spring concert on April 28 at 7 p.m.

## Neil Myer, Director of Christian Education & UKirk Campus Minister Sabbatical

Neil is taking a sabbatical beginning May 14th. The week before he will be at a conference using continuing education time. So please note that after May 4th, Neil will no longer be available. Neil returns from sabbatical August 1st. We pray that Neil's sabbatical time is refreshing and renewing!

## Church Anniversary

The Presbytery of Lansing chartered Eastminster Presbyterian Church **April 14, 1957, 66 years ago.** The petition to the presbytery included the signatures of 126 persons. This current member signed our church's charter: **Phyllis Irwin**

Today we also recognize and honor those persons who have been members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church for 50 years or more.

<b>Irv Nichols</b>	03-31-1958
<b>Ted and Pat Hagan</b>	09-29-1961
<b>Cynthia DiBello</b>	06-01-1964
<b>Virginia Allen</b>	12-05-1965
<b>George and Sue Miller</b>	02-01-1968
<b>Jim Englekes</b>	11-01-1969
<b>Elaine Cable</b>	11-29-1970
<b>Mary Jo Shankland</b>	04-26-1970
<b>Robert and Connie Cullum</b>	03-12-1972
<b>Dave and Mary Ann Merchant</b>	01-07-1973
<b>Barbara Lowes</b>	03-04-1973
<b>Maxine Cleary</b>	12-02-1973

