



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023



seeking:
*Who are you
looking for?*

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 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

Easter Day

April 9, 2023

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Introit

***Call to Worship**

L. What are you looking for?

P. The light before dawn.

L. What are you looking for?

P. A reason to hope.

L. What are you looking for?

P. Joy after grief and flowers after winter.

L. What are you looking for?

P. A place to belong.

L. What are you looking for?

P. We are looking for the Messiah.

L. Good News! Come in. Love is alive!

P. Surely God is in this place.

***Hymn #245** Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of resurrection,

We confess, like a dog with a bone, we run aimlessly.

We chase our tails, looking for things that provide answers

*to the suffering of the world,
looking for comfort to our longest nights.
You meet us in the darkness before dawn,
but we mistake you for the gardener.
Forgive us for seeking after worldly things.
Forgive us for forgetting to seek you.
Speak to us. Call us by name,
that we might recognize you in our midst.
With hope and gratitude we pray, amen.*

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sung Response #232** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (stanza 4)

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

***Passing of the Peace**

(Share the peace of Christ with the person next to you)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Choir Anthem *Sing a Song of Thanks and Joy* Hal H. Hopson

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading John 20:1-18 (Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 108)

Sermon What are you looking for?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Communion & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving and 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. Please ask if you need gluten-free bread.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #246** Christ is Alive!

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Rev. Becky Brown

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Organist/Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Sulin Campbell

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 during Lent we added imagery to the eye in the sanctuary. The eye summarizes the theme of seeking, while referencing various scriptural texts.

Ushers

Head Usher: Cindy Nixon; Matt Nixon

Greeter

Barbara Lowes

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 9 through April 16

SUNDAY, 4/9 Easter Sunday

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Easter "I-Spy"	11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 4/10 Church office closed

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

TUESDAY, 4/11

Session	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, 4/12

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

THURSDAY, 4/13

Young Adult Gathering

7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 4/14

Quintet Practice

1:00 p.m.

UKirk Trivia Night

7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 4/16

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Deacons

11:30 a.m.

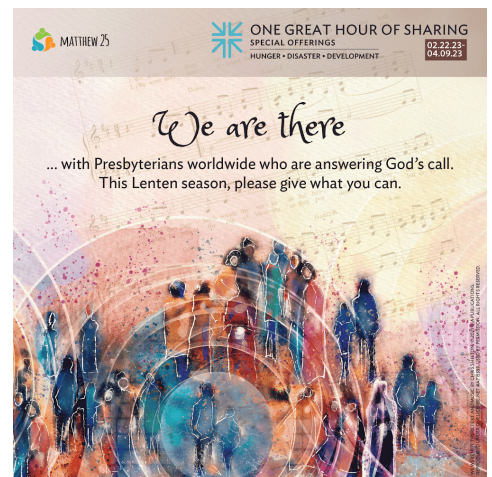
Easter: I Spy

As we conclude our Lenten worship series on seeking, children are invited to participate in a special Easter "I Spy" activity after worship on Sunday. Each kid will get a basket and a list of small things to look for and place in their baskets. We hope this simple go and find activity will add an extra layer of joy as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! This will be a quick activity so you won't be late for any after-church plans!

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.



PageTurners: Monthly Book Club Meeting

This Saturday, April 15, the Eastminster book club will meet over Zoom to discuss “The Color Purple” by Alice Walker. The meeting runs from 10:30 to 12:30. While it normally meets the second Saturday of each month, it was delayed this month because of Easter.

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 join one of Eastminster’s team. It’s \$120 per table for up to six participants or \$20 per person. Talk to Mike Brown for more information.

You can now bid on silent auction items at the UKirk website—ukirkmsu.org—until noon on Wednesday, April 19. Items include 30 tickets to a Lansing Lugnuts game in the owner’s suite and an original framed watercolor by Ron Davis. Check out the website for more items.

Don't plan to play but want to support the event? You can sponsor a table for students to play or you can provide a dessert for the dessert auction, or simply make a donation to UKirk.



Easter Flower Dedications 2023

Donated by:	In memory of:
Barb Dalzell	John Dalzell
Irv Nichols	Christy Nichols
Shirley and William Paxton	Marcia Engelkes
	Our parents
Terry Graham	Fred and Jean Graham
Donated by:	In honor of:
Shirley and William Paxton	Kristin Stroble
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