



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day**  
**May 7, 2023**

DEATH	BEING ALONE	DYING	SUFFERING	FUTURE	FAILURE
	UNKNOWN	PAIN	ABANDONMENT	AGING	
	CHANGE	CANCER	MISSING OUT	REJECTION	
<i>Un</i> <b>AFRAID</b> 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 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

May 7, 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 darkest valley,

*P. at the banquet table;*

L. in the hard work of life,

*P. at the moments of ease;*

L. in our day-to-day reality,

*P. at times set aside—*

L. like this time, now—

*P. for worship, for listening, for paying attention;*

L. with every step we take:

*P. goodness and mercy follow us;  
our cups overflow.*

**\*Hymn #803**      My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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

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

*God of grace and glory,  
We live as if you have made no promises.  
We live as if your love is weak.  
We live as if death has the final answer.  
We live as if nothing matters beyond our own work.  
Forgive us for our lack of imagination and hope.  
Renew our trust in your shepherding presence.*

**\*Silent Confession**

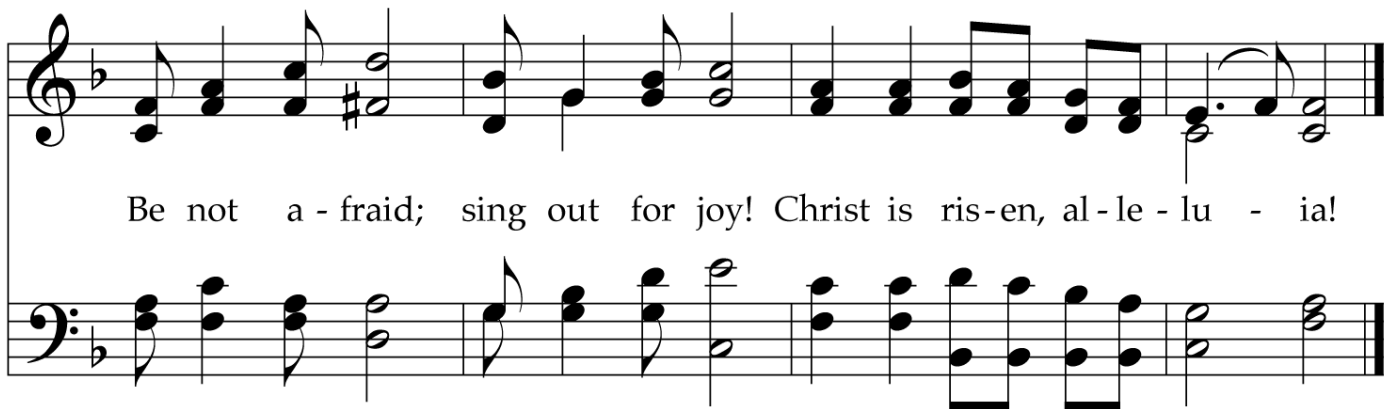
**\*Assurance of Pardon**

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



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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** Psalm 23

**Scripture Reading** John 11:1-44

**Sermon** The fear of loss and death

## **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 #250** In the Bulb There Is a Flower

**\*Charge & Benediction**

## **Postlude**

**Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sara Weeden

Children's Message: Robin Bell

Communion Servers: Jeff Lapinski, Barb Stowitts, Ron Davis and Susan Smalley

Organist/Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Heather Myer

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### **Ushers**

Head Usher: Barb Stowitts;

### **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

Director of Christian Education

Bridgette Redman

Office Administrator

Tamar Mikeladze

Organist

### **This Week at Eastminster:**

*May 7 through May 14, 2023*

#### **SUNDAY, 5/7**

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

#### **MONDAY, 5/8**

Trivia at Royal Scot

7:00 p.m.

#### **WEDNESDAY, 5/10**

Men's Bible Study

8:00 a.m. (Zoom only)

Morning Bible Study	10:30 a.m. (Zoom only)
<b>THURSDAY, 5/11</b>	
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY, 5/14</b>	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.

*Neil is on sabbatical and Kristin will be on vacation from May 8 through May 19.*

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

Neil is now on sabbatical and will return August 1st. We pray that Neil's sabbatical time is refreshing and renewing!

### **Welcome Kits for Refugee Development Center**

We have put out new cards to collect items to pack the May welcome kits. If you pick up a card, please return the items by May 31st. Thank you for your help!

### **Eastminster Community Garden**

The plots in our Community Garden are prepped and ready to go! Would you like to have a plot to plant this summer? Please contact Jeff Lapinski or the church office if you are interested.