



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
October 1, 2023**



““You are loved with a greater  
love than anyone could ever  
imagine, Tom. I trust that you’ll  
never ever forget that.”

-Fred Rogers

# 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.

*\* 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

October 1, 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**

### **Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn #187**      Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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

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

*Merciful Lord, we confess  
to how easily we lose hope.  
You promise us your yoke is easy,  
but we carry it heavily.  
We treat our callings as burdens, not gifts.  
Lighten our loads; lighten our hearts.  
Teach us to rejoice in you,  
and to trust always  
in your steadfast, powerful,  
and unwavering love.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

### **\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Sung Response #188 Jesus Loves Me!**

*Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.*

**\*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** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Scripture Reading** John 10:14-18

**Sermon** Am I a Sheep?

**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 #547** Go, My Children, with My Blessing

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

## **Postlude**

*This week pray a breath prayer daily. Focus on your breath, silently repeating the phrases below as you breathe in and out.*

*Inhale: You never withhold Your love from me,*

*Exhale: Help me to receive Your love with open hands.*

## **Participants in today's service:**

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sam O'Neill

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Video Producer: Mike Brown

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## **Ushers**

Head Usher: Beverly Bonning; Jeff Lapinski

## **Greeter**

Bruce Augenstein

## **Livestream**

Heather Myer and Robin Bell

## **Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Linda and Tom Hardenbergh in memory of Clark Grant.

## **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:**

*Oct. 1 through Oct. 8, 2023*

### **SUNDAY, 10/1 World Communion Sunday**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Intergenerational Activity	11:15 a.m.
Lansing Matinee Musicale Concert	3:00 p.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY, 10/2**

Quintet Rehearsal	1:00 p.m.
CCR Bell Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, 10/3**

Chorale Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
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### **WEDNESDAY, 10/4**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.

## **THURSDAY, 10/5**

Infrastructure Meeting  
UKirk Dinner & Gathering  
Young Adult Gathering

2:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

## **SUNDAY, 10/8**

Worship  
Fellowship  
Children's Education  
Deacons  
Community Bell Rehearsal

10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.  
11:15 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.  
4:00 p.m.

### **The Music of Mister Rogers - Sunday after worship**

Join us in the Green Room after worship as we explore the high quality music and musicianship of Mister Rogers neighborhood.

### **Children in Worship**

Starting Sunday, October 8 after worship, children and youth will begin a four-week series leading us toward Sunday, November 5, when our kids will lead us all in worship.



### **Help Needed!**

Are you willing to feed hungry UKirk students? We need people to bring meals every Thursday night. Please let Neil know if you can help out.

## ***Back By Popular Demand! Homemade Baked Goods for Fellowship Hour***

Fall is a perfect season to fill your kitchen with the warm scents of spices and baked goods! Please consider volunteering to bring 4 dozen baked goods or cookies for Sunday Fellowship after worship. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for October and November. Thank you from the Deacons.

## **Lansing Matinee Musicale Concert**



Today at 3 p.m.

Richard Illman on trumpet will be accompanied by Judy Kabodian on organ.

## **MSU Foglio Speaker Series on Spirituality**

*Peace and Spirituality: Towards an Ethic of Interdependence*

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m., Room 303, 3rd floor, MSU International Center

Najeeba Syed, Inaugural El-Hibri Endowed Chair, Executive Director of Interfaith, Augsburg University

Peacemaker, healer, scholar, Najeeba Syed has been a professor, expert practitioner and public speaker for the past two decades in the fields of conflict resolution, interfaith studies, mediation, education, deliberative democracy, social gender and racial equity.



## Peace & Global Witness Offering

Collection for Peace & Global Witness is underway and goes through TODAY. There will be envelopes in the sanctuary or you can give online [here](#).



A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.