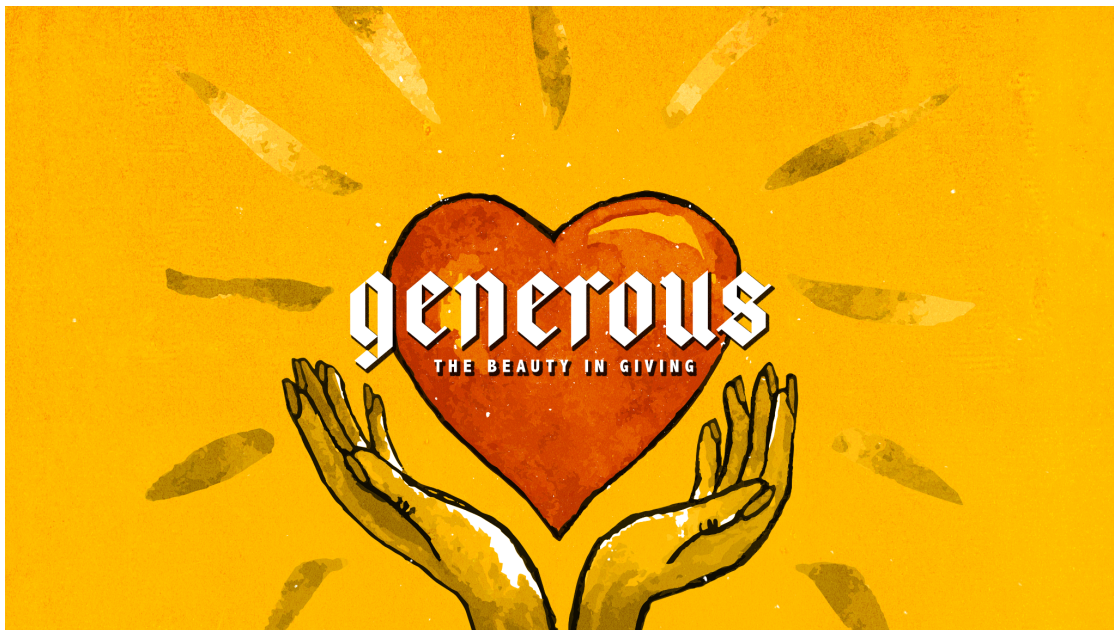




# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
October 8, 2023**



## 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 8, 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.*

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

L. People of God, remember what Jesus taught us:

The birds of the air neither sow nor reap,

*P. Still, God our Creator feeds them.*

L. The lilies of the field neither toil nor spin,

*P. Still, God our Creator clothes them in beauty.*

L. If God cares for the birds and the flowers, then God will care for us.

*P. Let us seek first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness.*

L. God will provide the rest.

**\*Hymn #175**      Seek Ye First

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

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

*God of Grace,*

*we so often feel overwhelmed and underprepared,  
not quite able to handle what life throws at us.*

*We have worries and troubles, doubts and fears,*

*and too often choose not to put our trust in you.*

*Sometimes we have chosen to go it alone.*

*Other times we are too afraid to trust you  
or have forgotten your promises.*

*Forgive us, Lord.*

*Help us to find your presence - a presence that has never left us.*

*May we worship you with renewed confidence that you are there.*

*Amen.*

### **\*Silent Confession**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Sung Response #36**

*For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.*

*For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.*

*For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.*

**\*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** Matthew 6:24-34

**Sermon** Living with Abundance

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **Time of Reflection**

#### **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 #32** I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#### **\*Charge & Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sulin Campbell

Director of Christian Education: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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#### **Ushers**

Head Usher: Matt Nixon; Barb Stowitts

#### **Greeter**

Sue Miller

#### **Livestream**

Heather Myer, Mike Brown

#### **Flowers**

Today's flowers are given anonymously in honor of Rev. Kristin Stroble for Pastor's Appreciation Day.

## **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. 8 through Oct. 15, 2023*

### **SUNDAY, 10/8**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Children's Education	11:15 a.m.
Deacons	11:30 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

### **MONDAY, 10/9**

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

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

Chorale Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
Session	7:00 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, 10/11**

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

### **THURSDAY, 10/12**

UKirk Dinner & Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, 10/14**

Advent House	8:30 a.m.
PageTurners	10:00 a.m.

### **SUNDAY, 10/15**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Children's Education	11:15 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

## Pastor Appreciation Day Today

October 8 is recognized in the U.S. as Pastor Appreciation Day. Please join us in the Green Room for Fellowship Hour after worship this morning where we will raise a glass of apple cider and enjoy some tasty donuts to thank Pastors Kristin, Jeff and Shirley for their ongoing ministry, support and hard work for EPC over the years.



## 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.

## UKirk at MSU News

Its that time of year when we turn to thoughts of holidays, football, and trivia. Yes, trivia. [UKirk at MSU](#) is hosting their annual Trivia Night Friday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event will take place at Okemos Presbyterian Church.

Yes, there will be a silent auction!

Yes, you can bid on items on-line!

Yes you can sponsor a table for \$120!

Yes, you can sponsor a round for \$100!

***Spoiler alert:*** The featured item on the auction will be two tickets to this year's Robert Burns Dinner at the Kellogg Center.

So get a team together and watch this space for a link to where you'll be able to bid online.

For more details see Neil Myer or Norm Mackay.



## ***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.

## **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.

## **Children in Worship**

Children and middle school youth along with their parents are invited to the lower level Sunday after worship as we begin to learn and plan for worship leading later this fall. We will meet on three different upcoming Sundays: October 8, October 15, October 29.

Kids and middle school youth will lead the worship service on Sunday, November 5.



## **PageTurners: Book Discussion on Saturday, Oct. 14**

The PageTurners book club will meet over Zoom Saturday, Oct. 14 at 10:30 a.m. The book this month is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. Sue Kalvonjian will lead the discussion.

## **Advent House: Saturday, October 14th**

We still need one more person to sign up to make a casserole for this month's Advent House meal. Thank you for your help!

## **Welcome Kits**

We have put out the cards for items needed for October's welcome kits. If you pick up a card, please return the items by the end of the month.