



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
April 13, 2025**



# WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshipping 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.

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.

There are welcome pads on the end of each pew. We invite you to sign in! On the welcome pads are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request you can fill that out and put it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it confidential.

There are offering plates just outside the sanctuary doors, for those who wish to give. You can also give online on our website or using the QR code at the end of the bulletin.

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

April 13, 2025

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 Psalm 118

One: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

***ALL: "God's steadfast love endures forever."***

One: Let the house of Aaron say,

***ALL: "God's steadfast love endures forever."***

One: Let those who fear the Lord say,

***ALL: "God's steadfast love endures forever."***

One: Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

***ALL: With the Lord on my side I do not fear.***

***What can mortals do to me?***

***the Lord is on my side to help me;***

***I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.***

One: It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to put confidence in mortals.

***ALL: It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to put confidence in princes.***

One: All nations surround me;  
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

***ALL: They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;  
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!***

One: They surrounded me like bees;  
they blazed like a fire of thorns;  
in the name of the Lord I cut them off!

**ALL:** *I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,  
but the Lord helped me.*

*The Lord is my strength and my might;  
The Lord has become my salvation.*

One: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

**ALL:** *“The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;  
the right hand of the Lord is exalted;  
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”*

One: I shall not die, but I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.  
The Lord has punished me severely,  
but did not give me over to death.

**ALL:** *Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.*

One: This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

**ALL:** *I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.*

One: The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

**ALL:** *This is the Lord’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.*

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**ALL:** *Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!  
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!*

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**ALL:** *The Lord God and has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.*

One: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

**ALL:** *O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good  
and God’s steadfast love endures forever.*

**\*Hymn #196** All Glory, Laud, and Honor, vs 1-2

**First Reading:** Luke 19:28-40 The Triumphal Entry NT, p. 78

**Hymn #196** All Glory, Laud, and Honor, vs 3-4

**Second Reading:** Luke 22:7-20 The Last Supper NT, p. 81

**Hymn #527** Eat This Bread (2x)

*Eat this bread; drink this cup;  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread; drink this cup;  
trust in me and you will not thirst*

**Third Reading:** Luke 22:24-27 Who is the Greatest? NT, p. 83

**\*Call to Confession** Hymn #218 Ah, Holy Jesus, vs 1, 2

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious and loving God, through Jesus you taught us how to serve, and yet too often we focus on trying to be the greatest. You promise abundance and still we live in scarcity. We claim to follow you, and yet too often neglect to care for the hungry, the thirsty, the poor, the outcast. We confess we turn away from the ugliness of the cross, for fear of the cost of following you. We say we love you and want to serve you, and yet we deny you as we choose other priorities. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to you, again and again, as we strive to be your faithful disciples. Hear now our silent confessions.**

**\*Silent Confession**

## \*Kyrie #551

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Chords: F, C, F, B $\flat$ , C, F, (A), (D/F $\sharp$ ), (F $\sharp$ m), (G), (A), (Bm), C, F/A, Am, B $\flat$ , C, Dm, (G), (D), (A), (Bm), (Em7), (A), (Dsus), (D), B $\flat$ , F, C, Dm, Gm7, C, Fsus, F.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

## \*Words of Forgiveness

**\*Passing of the Peace** (*Share the peace of Christ with the people around you.*)

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**Fourth Reading:** Luke 22:39-46 Jesus prays in the garden NT, p. 82

**Hymn #226** There in God's Garden, vs 1, 2, 4

**Fifth Reading:** Luke 22:54-62 Peter denies Jesus NT, p. 82

**Sixth Reading:** Luke 22:66-23:3,13-24 Pilate condemns Jesus

One: When day came, the assembly of the elders of the people,  
both chief priests and scribes, gathered together,  
and they brought him to their council.  
They said, "If you are the Messiah, tell us."

**ALL:** *He replied, "If I tell you, you will not believe;  
and if I question you, you will not answer.  
But from now on the Son of Man will be seated  
at the right hand of the power of God."*

One: All of them asked, "Are you, then, the Son of God?"

**ALL:** *He said to them, "You say that I am."*

One: Then they said, "What further testimony do we need?  
We have heard it ourselves from his own lips!"  
Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.  
They began to accuse him, saying,  
"We found this man perverting our nation,  
forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor,  
and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."  
Then Pilate asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

**ALL:** *He answered, "You say so."*

One: Pilate then called together the chief priests,  
the leaders, and the people, and said to them,  
"You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people;  
and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found  
this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has  
Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to  
deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

**ALL:** *Then they all shouted out together, "Away with this fellow!  
Release Barabbas for us!" (This was a man who had been put in  
prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and  
for murder.)*

One: Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again;

**ALL:** *but they kept shouting, "Crucify, crucify him!"*

One: A third time he said to them, "Why, what evil has he done?  
I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death;  
I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

**ALL:** *But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts  
that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed.*

One: So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand  
should be granted. He released the man they asked for,  
the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder,

and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

**Hymn #209** My Song is Love Unknown, vs 1, 3, 5

**Seventh Reading** Luke 23:33-49 Jesus is Crucified NT, p.p. 83-84

**Hymn #228** Were You There, vs 1, 2

**Eighth Reading:** Psalm 22 OT, pp. 473-474

**Hymn #228** Were You There, vs 3, 4

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

#### **Time of Reflection**

#### **Pastoral Prayer & 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.*

**Ninth Reading:** Luke 23:50-56 Jesus is Buried NT, p. 84

**\*Hymn #228** Were You There, vs 5

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Robin Bell

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.



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**Usher**

Head Usher: Jason Giddings

**Greeter**

Mike Brown

**Video Producer**

Heather Myer

**Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Ruth Hartwig.

**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

Pianist

**This Week at Eastminster:** *April 13-April 20*

**SUNDAY, 4/13 Palm Sunday**

Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:15 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal	11:15 a.m.
Deacons	12:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, 4/14**

Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
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**TUESDAY, 4/15**

Chorale Ensemble	10:00 a.m.
UKirk Board Meeting	6:15 p.m.
Faith Formation Meeting	7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, 4/16**

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Community Connections	7:00 p.m.

## **THURSDAY, 4/17**

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 p.m.

## **SATURDAY, 4/19**

PageTurners

10:00 a.m.

## **SUNDAY, 4/20 Easter Sunday**

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Collected from March 5 to April 20, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



## **UKirk Trivia**

Thank you to everyone that attended our UKirk trivia night last Friday! It was a fantastic evening of fellowship and fun all while supporting UKirk's ongoing ministry and mission. UKirk at Michigan State feeds hungry college students body, mind, soul, and Spirit with the radically inclusive love of Jesus Christ so that they may embody that love in the world!

## **Sabbatical**

Kristin will be on sabbatical from April 28-July 28 and will be completely out of touch during that time. This allows her to step away from ministry duties to provide for renewal, rejuvenation, and spiritual growth. As part of her sabbatical Kristin will be walking the Camino Frances, a spiritual

pilgrimage. We are inviting folks to sign up to pray for her while she is walking, so that each day she is covered in prayer. You can sign up in the narthex.

During her sabbatical, pastoral care will be covered by Neil Myer, our deacons as well as local pastors. If you have a pastoral care need you'll be able to call the church office and get connected with someone. Worship leadership will be varied and will include Rev. Shirley Paxton, Neil Myer, members of our congregation, and a few guest preachers.

If you have any questions you can reach out to elders on the Session who have been hard at work preparing for this time.

## **Easter Lilies**

Easter lilies are coming soon to beautify our Sanctuary for Easter! Would you like to make a dedication? A list of memorials/honoraria will be in the bulletin on April 20 and April 27. Please complete the form in the Narthex and return it with a check to the Office or drop it in the collection plate, noting that the check is for Easter flowers. Please submit your order by **Monday, April 14**. Please note that this is only for a dedication. You will not be able to take the flowers home. Thank you! You can also place a dedication on our website.

## **Holt Church Looking for Office Support**

FPC-Holt is currently seeking a person from outside their congregation to fill their Office Support position. If you know of someone looking for part-time employment who you believe would be a good fit, please have them contact FPC-Holt at 517-694-8151 or email [office@fpc-holt.org](mailto:office@fpc-holt.org). Questions about the position may also be directed to Susan Land at 517-927-5402 or [sland1225@comcast.net](mailto:sland1225@comcast.net).