



# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
May 10, 2026**



# 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.



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.

In the pew racks there are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request, you can fill that out and put it in the plate during the offering. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it confidential.

There is an offering time during the worship service. You can also give online on our website or by 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

May 10, 2026

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

One: We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!

*ALL: Holy God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.*

One: We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried,  
and now risen indeed!

*ALL: Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.*

One: We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit,  
our promised comforter and guide!

*ALL: Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.*

One: We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:

*ALL: God is with us and will never let us go.*

\*Hymn #395 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

*Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## \*Silent Confession

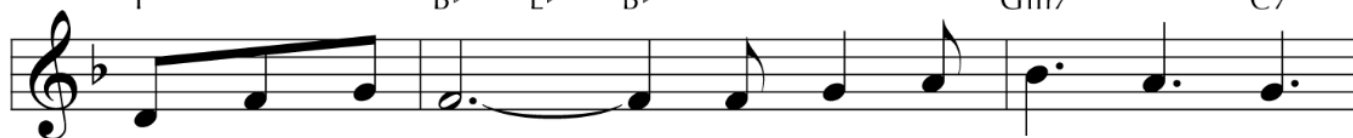
## \*Words of Forgiveness

## \*Sung Response #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

## Children's Message

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Reading**      John 14:15-21      New Testament, p. 103

**Scripture Reading**      Acts 17:22-31      New Testament, p. 129

**Sermon**      “Groping towards God”

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **Time of Reflection**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**    from The PC(USA) Study Catechism

One: What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

***ALL: Apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ’s service. As the work of the one Holy Spirit, our love, knowledge, and service of Christ are all inseparably related.***

One: How do we receive the Holy Spirit?

***ALL: By receiving the Word of God. As the midwife of the new creation, the Spirit arrives with the Word, brings us to rebirth, and assures us of eternal life. The Spirit nurtures, corrects, and strengthens us with the pure spiritual milk of the Word. (1 Peter 2:2).***

### **Offering of Resources and Prayer**

*Financial offerings support the ministry and mission of Eastminster Presbyterian. You can place prayer requests (cards are in the pew racks) in the offering plate.*

### **\*Doxology #606**

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

## **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.*

**\*Hymn #546** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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

Guest Preacher: Dr. Emily Conroy-Krutz

Worship Leader: Sam O'Neill

Children's Message: Robin Bell

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, DMA

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Today we welcome Emily Conroy-Krutz as our guest preacher. Emily is a historian of American religion and politics at Michigan State University. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Okemos, where she has served as a ruling elder and is an active participant in crafts ministry. She lives in East Lansing with her family.

### **Usher**

Head Usher: Jason Giddings

### **Greeter**

Mary Lou Clifton

### **Video Producer**

### **Fellowship**

Sulin Campbell

## **Flowers**

The 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, DMA

Pianist

**This Week at Eastminster:** *May 10-May 17*

### **SUNDAY, 5/10**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

### **MONDAY, 5/11**

Girl Scout Troop Meeting 4:30 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

Queer Heart Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

### **THURSDAY, 5/14**

Middle Ground Gathering 7:00 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, 5/16**

PageTurners 10:00 a.m.

### **SUNDAY, 5/17**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

*Kristin will be out of the office from May 5 to May 23. Rev. Shirley Paxton will lead worship on Sunday, May 17.*

## **Centsability**

We will be collecting the centsability offering today. This is an offering of loose change that we collect once a month to help feed the hungry.

## **Community Garden**

The garden is prepped and ready for the summer. Would you like a plot? Talk to Jeff Lapinski or contact the church office.



**Scan the QR code with your phone to donate online to Eastminster Presbyterian Church and its ongoing ministries.**

**You can also give via Venmo @EastminsterEL-Church**

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