



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2024



WELCOME!

Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshiping with us in-person or online, you are welcome here.

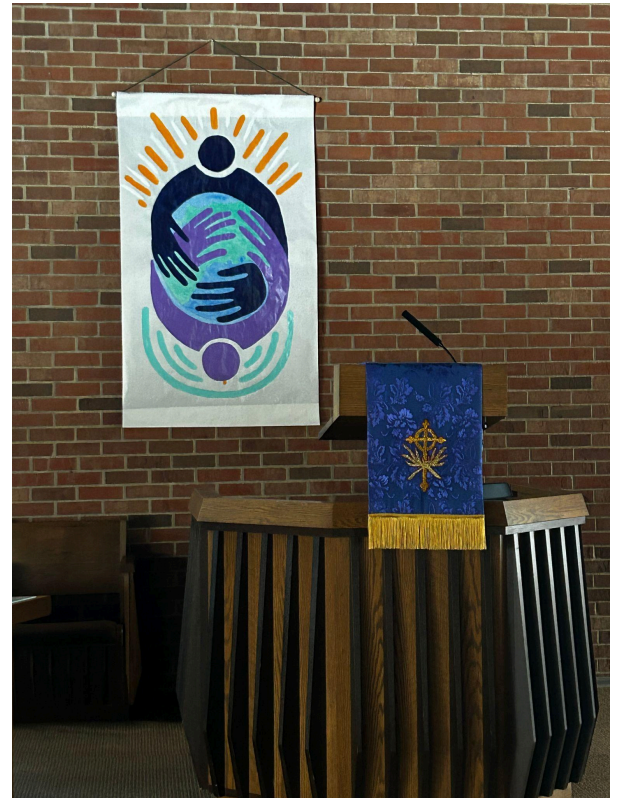
Information about our church is found in the narthex or online: eastminsterchurch.org. At the welcome table or on our website, you can sign up for our weekly emails.

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.*

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7:00 p.m.

Prelude

Welcome

*Hymn Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes



1. *Sun-day's palms are Wednes-day's ash - es as an -
2. We have failed to love our neigh - bors, their of -
3. We are hast - y to judge oth - ers, blind to



oth - er Lent be - gins; thus we kneel be - fore our
fenc - es to for - give, have not lis - tened to their
proof of hu - man need; and our lack of un - der -



Mak - er in con - tri - tion for our
trou - bles, nor have cared just how they
stand - ing dem - on - strates our in - ner



sins. We have marred bap - tis - mal pledg - es, in re -
live, we are jeal - ous, proud, im - pa - tient, lov - ing
greed; we have wast - ed earth's re - sourc - es; want and



bel - lion gone a - stray; now, re - turn - ing, seek for -
o - ver - much our things; may the yield - ing of our
suf - fer - ing we've ig - nored; come and cleanse us, then re -



give - ness; grant us par - don, God, this day!
fail - ings be our Len - ten of - fer - ings.
store us; make new hearts with - in us, Lord!

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response #698 Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall".

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: "be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.".

Scripture "God's Hands Get Dirty" (Adaption of Genesis 4:1-7, Rev. Kerry Greenhill, c 2015 Sacred Stone Ministries)

Reflection

Tune into yourself. How are you feeling emotionally, spiritually, mentally, and physically? What is weighing you down? What is giving you life?

Song #466 Come and Fill Our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

Scripture Psalm 51:1-17

Reflection

The psalmist prays, “Create in me a clean heart, O God.” What is your prayer for yourself this Lenten season?

Song #471 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

O Lord, hear my prayer.

Come and listen to me.

Poem “Rend Your Heart: A Blessing for Ash Wednesday”

by Jan Richardson

Imposition of Ashes and Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving & 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 ashes and communion. The ashes will be placed on your forehead (if you prefer the hand, you may request that.) After you receive the ashes you can receive communion. Take a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup and partake. Those unable to come forward will be served at their seats.

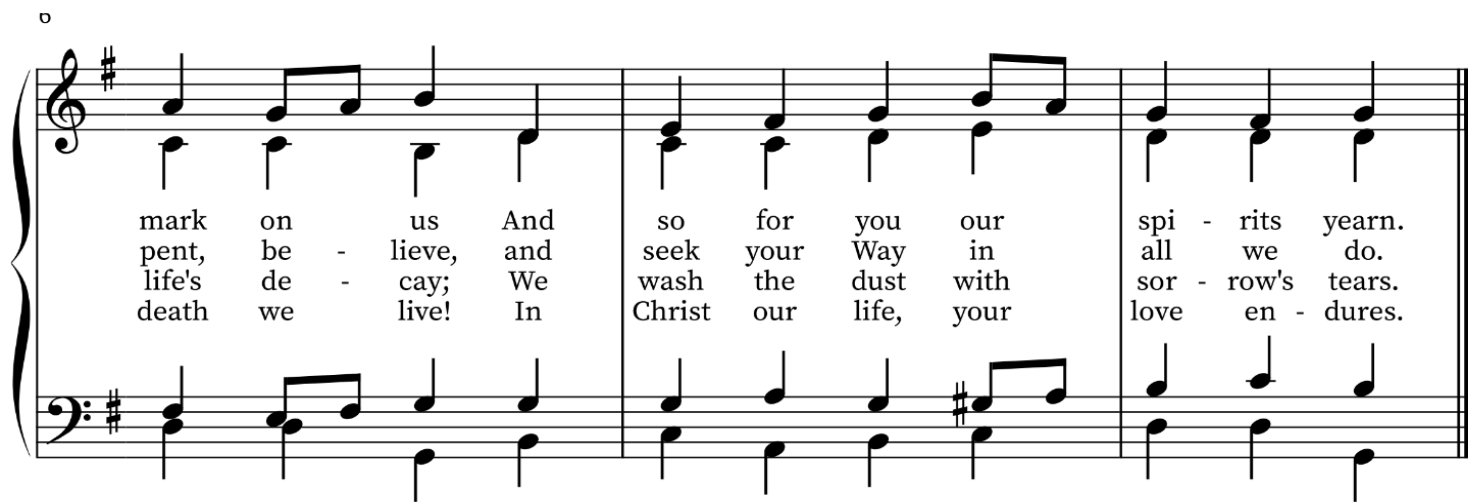
Prayer

*Hymn Sing Out! We're Made of Common Dust

1. Sing out! We're made of com - mon dust; One
2. This gift of ash - es we re - ceive Re
3. The dust amd dirt of child - ren's play, of
4. We sing, O God, of what you give: this

3

day, to dust we shall re - turn! Yet God, you've placed your
1. minds us we be - long to you. You call us to re
2. youth - ful times, of work - ing years Are part of life and
3. ash re - minds us we are yours. In life we're claim'd, in



***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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