



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
March 17, 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.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

March 17, 2024

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Threshold Moment “Return to You”

*Call to Worship

One: Why are you here?

*All: I am seeking God with my whole heart,
with my entire mind,
with a fire burning in my bones.*

One: I see it! You're in the right place!
This is God's house. The door is open to you.

All: Why are you here?

One: I am seeking God with my whole heart,
with my entire mind,
with a fire burning in my bones.

*All: We see that in you! You're in the right place.
This is God's house. The door is open to you.*

One: Let us worship God.

All: Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

*Hymn #475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God,

We long to be lifelong learners.

We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind.

Instead, we often live as if we know best.

We forget that the disciples called you “Rabbi, Teacher.”

Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious.

Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best.

*Forgive us for the moments when we imagine
that our learning is done
and that we have all the answers.*

*Like Peter — who was brave enough to ask, “How many times should
we forgive?” — make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may
our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and
humility we pray, amen.*

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sung Response #743** O God, You Are My God

G D C D

O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise

G Dsus7 D7 G D C D

you. O God, you are my God, and I will ev-er praise

G Em Dsus D

you. I will seek you in the morn - ing, and I will

C Am7 G

learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead

D C Dsus7 D7 G

me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

***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 Psalm 119:9-16 Old Testament, p. 535

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:15-22 New Testament, p. 19

Sermon Teach Me

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

“How many times should I forgive?”

“Jesus, where are you going?”

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

“Where does it hurt?”

“What do you need?”

“How can I help?”

We believe that God is a teacher.

“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

“Here I am.”

“Send me.”

We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,

with all our heart,

with all our mind,

with all our strength.

We believe. Help our unbelief.

Amen.

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 #316 Where Charity and Love Prevail

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Beverly Bonning

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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Flowers

Today's flowers are given today to the glory of God.

Ushers

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian

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Rev. Kristin Stroble

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Tamar Mikeladze

Pianist

This Week at Eastminster:

March 17 through March 24

SUNDAY, 3/17

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Book Discussion

11:15 a.m.

Community Bell Rehearsal

4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, 3/18

AA Regional Meeting

6:00 p.m.

CCR Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 3/19	
Choral Ensemble Rehearsal	10:00 a.m.
UKirk Board Meeting	6:15 p.m.
Faith Formation Meeting	7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, 3/20	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
Community Connections Meeting	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, 3/21	
UKirk Dinner and Gathering	6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 3/23	
Easter Choir Rehearsal	10:30 a.m.
SUNDAY, 3/24 Palm Sunday	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.

Book Discussion

Today is the final discussion for the book *The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory*. They are meeting in the sanctuary following worship.

Choir

We are putting together a choir for Easter Sunday. We will meet in the Sanctuary on four Saturday mornings through March 30th — for warmups and to prepare a new anthem to sing for Easter Sunday. We will be meeting from 10:30 - 11:45 AM, and all are welcome to join the music-making. Please contact Sulin Campbell for more information.

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YEARS



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Go Jo! A special story time for kids

After worship and fellowship today, children, parents and caregivers are invited down to the children's library at the bottom of the stairs below the sanctuary for a special story time. We will read and dedicate a new book that has recently been given to the library in honor of Bev Bonning. The book is titled *Go Jo! The Story of Jonah*. It is written by Ginny Harville Baker and illustrated by Lee Bauman.

Holy Week 2024: Next Sunday, March 24th is Palm Sunday. We will be journeying through the events of Holy Week during worship that Sunday. On Thursday, March 28th at 7pm we will have a Maundy Thursday Worship Service. Then celebrate the resurrection with us on March 31st at 10am for our Easter Service.

Mark your Calendars!

We have a number of upcoming events you might want to participate in. Mark your calendars and more information will be released soon.

- Capital City Ringers Handbell Concert - April 20th at 7pm
- Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop - April 27th at 10am
- "Women in Christian and Islamic Scriptures": An event with the Islamic Center and Eastminster - May 1st at 6:30pm

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 bulletins on March 31 and April 7. Please complete the form in the Narthex and drop a check in the offering plate or pay online at our website. Please submit your order by Monday, March 25. Please note that this is for a dedication only. You will not be able to take the flowers home as we will order only three lilies for the chancel. Thank you!



To join one of Eastminster's teams, please talk to Mike Brown. To support the event in a different way, please talk to Norm Mackay. You can bid on the silent auction including use of the Lansing Lugnuts owners suite for a 2024 game by going to ukirkmsu.org.