



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
March 31, 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.

There are offering plates outside the sanctuary doors, for those who wish to give. You can also give online on our website.

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.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Sentences

***Hymn #245** Christ the Lord is Risen Today

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

The stone is rolled away!

We assume it is a mistake.

The angels say, "He is not here!"

We assume their news is fake.

The women tell the story,

but we do not want to hear it.

Peter runs to the tomb,

but we do not understand.

Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb
is nothing more than a prank.

*Forgive us for seeing discarded burial cloths
and still holding tight to death.*

Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope
when you are alive and well in the world.

Teach us to see what you see.

Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Sung Response #475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
*Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!*

***Passing of the Peace** (*Share the peace of Christ with the person next to you*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Choir Anthem Risen Today!

Alan Pote

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1-12

New Testament p. 84

Sermon And I hope

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Affirmation of Faith**

We may weep through the longest nights.

We may stare at the empty tomb with more questions than answers.

We may run our fingers over the burial cloths and still long for more.

But today, we are a people of hope.

We believe in new beginnings.

We believe that the God who created the world is stronger than death.

We believe that Jesus abides among us,

healing, teaching, and leaving fingerprints throughout this world.

We believe that a tomb could not hold him.

We believe that the sun does rise.

We believe that Peter was there

with questions, awe, and faith the size of a mustard seed.

*We believe that the story is not over yet,
for God is among us.*

Today we are a people of hope.

Communion & Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving and 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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Please come forward down the center aisle to receive by intinction. Take a piece of bread and then dip it in the cup and partake. You may return down the side aisles. Those unable to come forward may be served at their seats. Please ask if you need gluten-free bread.

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn #246** Christ Is Alive!

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sam O'Neill

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Choir Director: Sulin Campbell

String Trio

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

Communion Servers: Cindy Nixon, Estelle McGroarty, Sam O'Neill, Patsy King

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This Week at Eastminster:

March 31 through April 7

SUNDAY, 3/31 Easter Sunday

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Kids "Seek & Find"

11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 4/1 Office Closed

CCR Rehearsal

6:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot

7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 4/2

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal

10:00 a.m.

THURSDAY, 4/4

Infrastructure

2:30 p.m.

UKirk Gathering

6:30 p.m.

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 4/5

String ensemble rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

UKirk Trivia at Okemos Presbyterian Church 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 4/7

Worship 10:00 a.m.

All-Church Lunch 11:00 a.m.

Community Bell Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

Seek and Find

Kids are invited to participate in a quick seek and find activity after worship. We will start upstairs from the Green Room at fellowship time and then move around. This will be short and sweet so that everyone can continue on with any plans they may have for the rest of the day.

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YEARS



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One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing donations support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People, all of which work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. You can give to One Great Hour of Sharing using the envelopes in the pews or at our online giving page on the website.

All-Church Lunch

April 7 will be our next all-church lunch. We are asking people to sign up to bring their favorite chili or cornbread recipes. Sign-up in the Narthex.

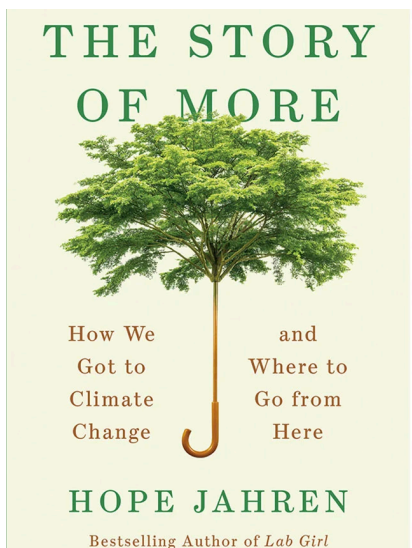
UKirk Trivia

UKirk's biannual fundraiser is coming up! Come and play trivia with us at the Presbyterian Church of Okemos. 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.



Next Book Study!

A new book discussion group is being formed around *The Story of More: How We Got to Climate Change and Where We Go from Here*, by Hope Jahren.



Called "the essential primer on climate change that will leave an indelible impact on anyone who reads it," Jahren asks "the essential question of our time: how can we learn to live on a finite planet?" There are serious ethical and faith issues raised in the book, and this is the opportunity to discuss what's at stake.

Copies of the book will be available at the church starting April 2nd for \$11. Discussion begins Sunday, April 21, led by Jeff O'Neill.



Easter Flower Dedications 2024

Donated by:	In memory of
Barb Dalzell	John Dalzell
	In honor of
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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.

- Renaissance Singers Concert — April 13 at 4 pm
- Capital City Ringers Handbell Concert — April 20th at 7 pm
- Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop — April 27th at 10 am
- "Women in Christian and Islamic Scriptures": An event with the Islamic Center and Eastminster — May 1st at 6:30 pm