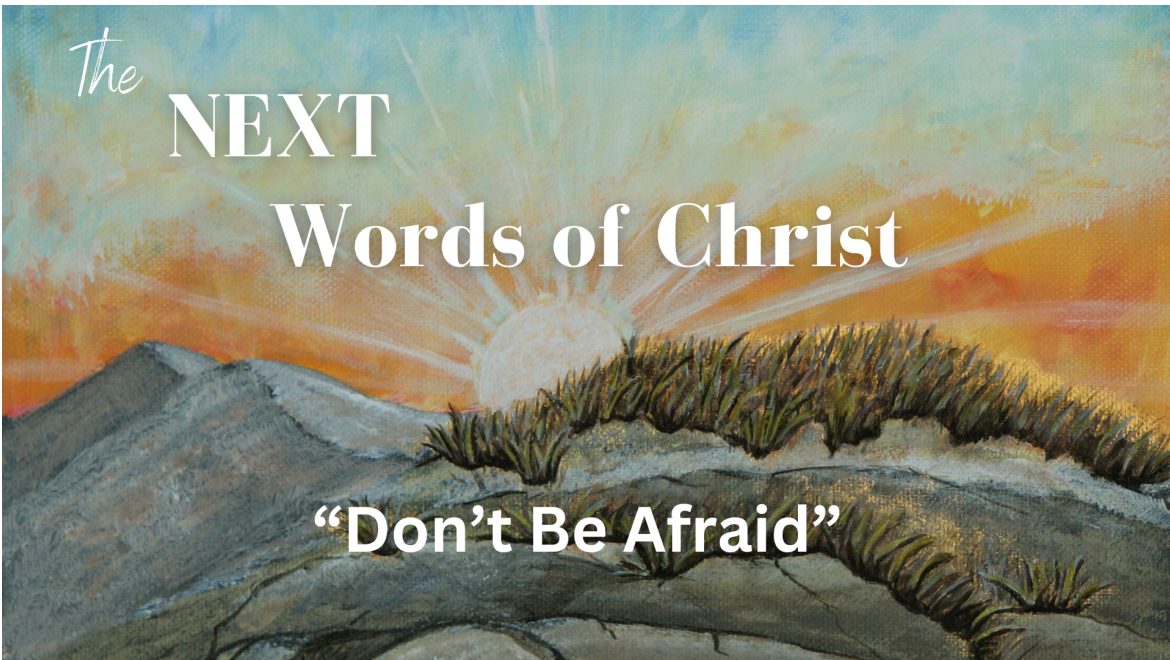




# Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day  
April 14, 2024**



# WELCOME!

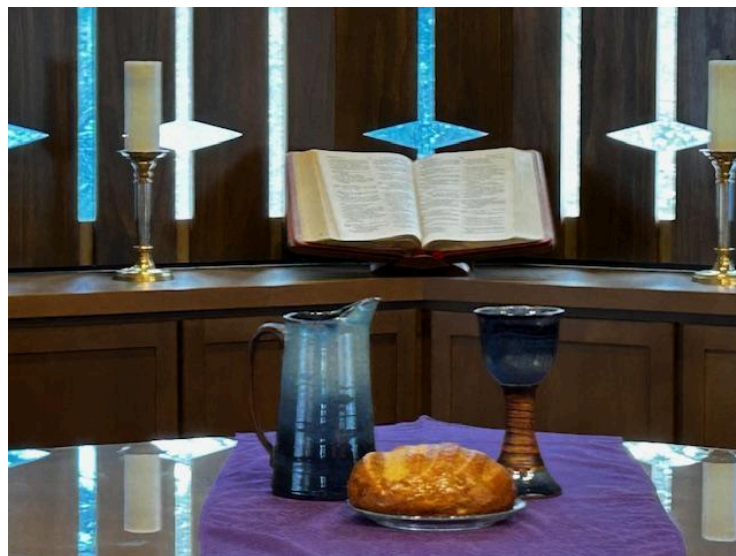
Whether you are a member or a visitor, worshiping with us in-person or online, you are welcome here.

Information about our church is found in the narthex or online:

**[eastminsterchurch.org](http://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.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 14, 2024

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.*

**Threshold Moment**                      *Do Not Fear* by The Many

### \*Call to Worship

One:        We thought death had won.  
              We thought the cross was the end.  
              We thought this was it.

**ALL:**     *But this is it:*  
              *the dead are living;*  
              *the cross is empty;*  
              *the stone is rolled away.*

One:        We thought those with power had won.  
              We thought that when Christ cried out it was over.  
              We thought he had said his final words, that was it.

**ALL:**     *But this it:*  
              *the word breathes;*  
              *the powers are defeated;*  
              *the final cry was only the beginning.*

One:        This is the news:

**ALL:**     *Christ is risen.*

One:        This is the promise:

**ALL:**     *Jesus is alive.*

One: This is our hope:

**ALL:** *Christ is with us.*

One: Let us worship God.

**\*Hymn #233** The Day of Resurrection!

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*Lord, we confess that even when the stone has been rolled away and the good news has been proclaimed, we are sometimes afraid to see your glory. We feel inadequate or unprepared. Remind us of God's favor and grace, and open our eyes so we may see the visions of God's love.*

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Sung Response #232** Jesus Christ is Risen Today, vs 4

*Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!*

*Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!*

*Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!*

*Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!*

**\*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** Matthew 28:1-10

New Testament, p. 32

**Sermon** "Don't Be Afraid"

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

## **Time of Reflection**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**      *from a Declaration of Faith*  
*In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus*  
*God kept his promises.*  
*All that we can ever hope for*  
*was present in Christ.*  
*But the work of God in Christ is not over.*  
*God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.*  
*The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence*  
*that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.*  
*In Christ, God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,*  
*certainty of victory over death,*  
*assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.*  
*This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.*

## **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 #248**      Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

## **\*Charge & Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

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

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Ruth Hartwig

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

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**Ushers**

Head Usher: Cindy Nixon; Matt Nixon

**Greeter**

Elaine Cable

**Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by Ruth Hartwig in memory of Larry Hartwig.

**Video Producer**

Heather Myer

**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 14 through April 21*

**SUNDAY, 4/14**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Deacons 11:30 a.m.

Community Bell Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, 4/15**

CCR Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, 4/16**

Choral Ensemble Rehearsal 10:00 a.m.

UKirk Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.

Faith Formation 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, 4/17**

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Community Connections 7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, 4/18**

UKirk Gathering 6:30 p.m.

Young Adult Gathering 7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, 4/19**

String Ensemble rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, 4/20**

Capital Ringers Concert 7:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, 4/21 Church Anniversary**

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Book Study 11:15 p.m.

CPR Training 12:00 p.m.

Community Bell Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.

*Bridgette will be out of the office on vacation from April 10-April 18.*

**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. Copies of the book are available at the church for \$11. Discussion begins Sunday, April 21, led by Jeff O'Neill.

**Ukrainian Egg Workshop**

Join us on Saturday, April 27 at 10am and learn how to make the intricately beautiful Ukrainian Easter eggs. We're asking for a \$20 donation. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible.

**Interfaith Event: "Women in Christian and Islamic Scriptures"**

Join us at Eastminster at 6:30 p.m. on May 1 for a joint event with the Islamic Center of Greater Lansing and Eastminster. We will start with dinner at 6:30pm and at 7:00pm Imam Sohail and Pastor Kristin will present on "Women in Christian and Islamic Scriptures" followed by a time of questions. Please sign-up ahead of time in the narthex.

**Learn/Refresh Your Life-Saving Skills**

Sunday, April 21, 2024 from 12-2pm Eastminster will host a CPR class taught by an EL training officer. Sign up in the narthex.

**Church Anniversary:** We are celebrating the church anniversary and 50-year members on April 21st in worship!