

Service for the Lord's Day May 19, 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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY May 19, 2024 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *And also with you.*

*Call to Worship

***Hymn #280** Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (responsive)

One: Mighty God, you showed up in a dazzling light and in a still, small voice.

All: You showed up as a tiny baby lying in a manger. You showed up on a long dusty walk to Emmaus.

One: You keep showing up in the most mysterious ways, so we should have known you might show up like a powerful wind, bringing with you the reminder of warmth, and the ability for us to hear one another.

All: We should have known, and yet we didn't. We don't. We doubt.

One: Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, we can't see you. Like the weary people of Bethlehem, we don't make room for you.

All: And like members of the early church community, we look for excuses to explain your presence away.

One: Loving God, forgive our weak hearts, because from the beginning you have been here, revealing yourself to us.

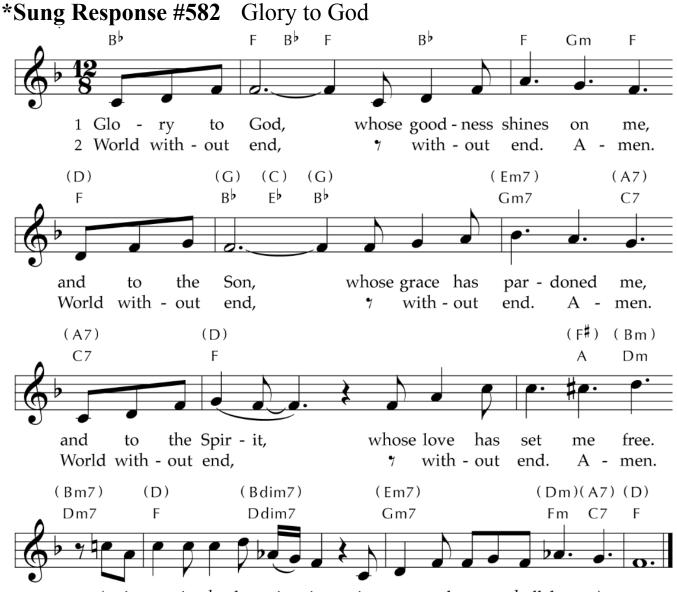
All: And from the beginning, we have struggled to see that.

One: Despite our bad track record, we come to you today, asking that once more you might give us a second chance; we ask that once more you might pour your Spirit out on us.

All: For we are in desperate need of you and the mysterious ways you keep showing up. Amen.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon



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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading	Genesis 11:1-9	Old Testament, p. 8
Special Music	God of Grace and God	d of Glory Handbells
Scripture Reading	Acts 2	New Testament, p. 111
Sermon		

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

Reception of New Members

Presentation

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

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 #610** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Charge & Benediction

*Postlude

Group Participation Word for the Acts 2 Scripture Reading:

Disciples/Apostles - LET'S GO! God - THE ALMIGHTY Children, Sons, Daughters, Young, Elders - THAT'S ME Surprised & Amazed/Bewildered - WHOA! Spirit - WHOOSH! Therefore - SO BE IT!

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble Worship Leader: Tom Hardenbergh Children's Message: Neil Myer Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze

<u>Worship Credits:</u> The liturgy today was provided by the PCUSA Special Offerings; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

<u>Ushers</u>

Head Usher: Sue Kalvonjian; Suzanne Hunt

Greeter

Sam O'Neill

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Ted Hagan in memory of Roland Buck Bethards, MD.

Video Producer

Susan Smalley 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:

May 12 through May 19		
SUNDAY, 5/19		
Worship	10:00 a.m.	
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.	
Intergenerational Event	11:15 a.m.	
Community Bell Rehearsal	4:00 p.m.	
MONDAY, 5/20		
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.	
TUESDAY, 5/21		
Pastors Gathering at Eastminster	12:00 p.m.	
UKirk Board Meeting	6:15 p.m.	
Session Meeting	7:00 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY, 5/22		
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.	
Community Connections	7:00 p.m.	
THURSDAY, 5/23		
Young Adult Gathering	7:00 p.m.	
FRIDAY, 5/24		

Brass Quintet rehearsal1:00 p.m.String Ensemble rehearsal4:00 p.m.SUNDAY, 5/2610:00 a.m.Worship10:00 a.m.Fellowship11:00 a.m.Bridgette will be out of the office on Wednesday, May 22 on church business.

Welcome to our new members!

Today we joyfully welcome new members into our congregation. We welcome: Frank Boster Rebecca Dean Bonnie Eckhardt Elizabeth Evangelista Tom and Nancy Hunter Scott Hosimer Josh and Shannon Vermaas

Today after worship join us in the Green Room for cupcakes and an intergenerational event that celebrates Pentecost!



Pentecost Offering

Right now we are collecting the Pentecost Offering, one of the special offerings of the PC(USA). This offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the offering is retained by our congregation and given to UKirk at MSU.

Welcome Kits

The new set of cards to buy items for May welcome kits for the Refugee Development Center are now in the Green Room. Thank you for your help with this project.

Fellowship Baked Goods Needed

A sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table for volunteers to bring approximately 60 cookies, brownies or other baked goods for Sunday morning Fellowship after worship. The Deacons need volunteers between May 26 and June 30. A big thank you to everyone who has volunteered in the past!

Church Clean-Up Day, Saturday, June 1st at 10am

Help us clean up the church grounds for summer on Saturday morning. Tasks will include weeding, picking up sticks, and picking up trash. Many hands make light work!



Tell us your story!

Our upcoming program report will be out in June. Do you have a story to tell about life in Eastminster from July 2023 to June 2024? Email Bridgette a paragraph sharing what activities, events, and services you cherished in this past year. We also welcome any photos you have of events throughout the year.