



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
August 18, 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.



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.

There are offering plates outside, for those who wish to give. You can also give online on our website or using the QR code at the end of the bulletin.

Masks are available at the welcome table for those who would like to wear them.

** 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

August 18, 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 #410** God Is Calling through the Whisper

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic - es of our neigh-bors' ur - gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu - sic of sub-lime and hu - man arts,

through the thrill of sud - den beau - ties that can catch us by sur - prise.
 through their long - ing for re - demp - tion and for res - cue from de - spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our hearts.

Flash of light - ning, crash of thun - der; hush of still - ness, rush of won - der:
 Place of hurt or face of need - ing; stri - dent cry or si - lent plead - ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing - ing; days and nights our prais - es bring - ing:

God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, you call us to love as deeply as you love, yet we love too few and too little. You call us to stand boldly for what is just, yet we timidly whisper that the world is unfair. You call us to serve others selflessly, but we mostly take care of ourselves and our own. You invite us to look for you in the faces of others, but we mostly complain that you are absent. For our fearful hearts, our timid words, and our wavering faith, forgive us. By your mercy, make us whole.

*Silent Confession

*Assurance of Pardon

*Sung Response #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F \sharp) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



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

***Passing of the Peace** (*Share the peace of Christ with the people around you.*)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Blessing of the Backpacks

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Acts 16:6-15

Sermon Lydia and the PURPLE Cloth

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

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 #692** Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

F B^b F B^b C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
 Dm F/C B^b C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
 F B^b Gm7 F B^b F

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
 F B^b F B^b

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
 2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
 3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
 C7 Dm F/C B^b C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
 goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
 sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
 Dm Gm7 F B^b2 B^b

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
 deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
 Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Sam O'Neill

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Tamar Mikeladze, D.M.A.

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This Week at Eastminster:

August 18-25

SUNDAY, 8/18

Outdoor Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, 8/19

Trivia at Royal Scot

7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 8/20

UKirk Board

6:15 p.m.

Faith Formation

7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 8/21

Community Connections

7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, 8/22

30s and 40s Gathering

7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 8/24

Boundary Training for Elders

8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, 8/25

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship

11:00 a.m.

Open Tables

1:00 p.m.

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