



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
March 23, 2025**



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 welcome pads on the end of each pew. We invite you to sign in! On the welcome pads are prayer cards. If you have a prayer request you can fill that out and put it in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary. If you only want the pastor to see it, please mark it confidential.

There are offering plates just outside the sanctuary doors, 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.

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 23, 2025

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

One: God, our quiet center: we come to worship you.

*ALL: God of love, we come together to experience
and share your gracious care.*

One: God, our source of healing: we come to praise you.

*ALL: God of hope, we come together to learn more
of your healing faithfulness.*

One: God, our Beginning and End: in love you created us
and through your love you forgive us.

*ALL: God of transforming grace, we come to thank you and praise you
for your Holy Presence.*

*Hymn Come and Find the Quiet Center

F Gm F Dm Bb C Bb F

1 Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd - ed life we lead,
 2 Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
 3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain,

F Gm F Dm Bb C7 Bb F

find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, touch - es base,
 let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:

F C Dm F Bb

clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see
 mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
 there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,

C Dm Bb F Gm Am Bb F

all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

*O God of compassion,
if you kept a record of our sins,
who could stand?
We come before you with our brokenness
and our wounds for all to see.
We bring our anger, our bitterness,
our unwholesome talk,
and our deceitfulness.
We try to do good,
but sometimes fail.
We choose to do evil,
and sometimes succeed.
Keep your promise to forgive us
when we confess to you completely.
You are our confidence and hope.*

*Silent Confession

*Kyrie #551

F C F B^b C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) (D/F[#]) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***Words of Forgiveness**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Psalm 130 NRSVUE

Scripture in Video Form Psalm 130

Sermon Pausing for Solitude

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Responsive Reading**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading!

If you, O Lord, if you took our faults and wrong actions into account,
Lord, who could stand before you?

*But in you there is a deep well of forgiveness,
so that you may be held in holy awe.*

I wait for you, O Lord, I wait with deep longing,
and in your word I stand, waiting in hope.

*My deep longing for the Lord
is more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who wait for an end to the night.*

Pastoral Prayer & 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.

***Hymn #314** Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Tom Hardenbergh

Children's Message: Neil Myer

Pianist: Selin Samsar

Worship Credits: The call to worship is adapted from a liturgy by Joan Stott, the Timeless Psalms; Hymns are printed and streamed with permission from One License #A-725831.

Usher

Head Usher: Estelle McGroarty

Greeter

Barb Lowes

Video Producer

Susan Smalley

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by Jeff Lapinski in honor of March birthdays.

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: *March 23-March 30*

SUNDAY, 3/23

Worship

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:15 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal	11:15 a.m.
MONDAY, 3/24	
Trivia at Royal Scot	7:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, 3/25	
Chorale Ensemble	10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY, 3/26	
Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
UKirk Gathering	6:30 p.m.
THURSDAY, 3/27	
20s/30s/40s Gathering	7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY, 3/30	
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Fellowship	11:00 a.m.
Adult Education	11:15 a.m.

Neil Myer will be out of the office on vacation this week.

Lent Devotional

This year's devotional will be "Turning Over Tables" by Kathy Escobar. We still have a few books available. The cost is \$10 each.

Islamic Center Visit

Eastminster is invited for a time of interfaith engagement with our neighbors at the Islamic Center of East Lansing on Friday, April 11. The evening begins at 6 pm with dinner, followed by interfaith learning. Imam Sohail Chaudry will teach about the five pillars of Islam, Rev. Kristin Stroble will teach about Holy Week and there will be time for Q and A. We enjoyed hosting our neighbors last spring and appreciate this return invite. We need to know by April 3 how many Eastminster people we expect so that proper food arrangements can be made. Please sign up in the narthex, or contact the church office if you plan to attend.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Collected from March 5 to April 20, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need.

From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



UKirk Trivia Night

April 4th at 7:00pm is UKirk's regular fundraiser, the UKirk Trivia Night. Join others from Eastminster in this fun competition. You can also sponsor a table or bid on an item in the silent auction. Tables cost \$120 or \$20 each. More information at ukirkmsu.org

Drivers Needed

We are looking for people willing to drive others to church on Sunday mornings. Please contact Jeff Lapinski if you are willing and able.

Breath Prayers

Breath Prayer is an ancient form of prayer that you can pray literally anywhere. Start by becoming aware of your body. Be in a comfortable position and start paying attention to your breath. Choose one or two lines to meditate on and inhale and exhale through them. Below are possible phrases, scripture passages you could use.

Inhale: "Jesus Christ, son of God,"

Exhale: "Have mercy on me."

Inhale: "besides still waters"

Exhale: "you lead me."

Inhale: "Nothing can separate us"

Exhale: "from the love of God"

Inhale: Friend of my soul,

Exhale: come rest with me

Inhale: I choose love over fear,

Exhale: God, you are steady in every struggle.

Inhale: May I know you, Jesus,

Exhale: In ordinary love and quiet faithfulness



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