



Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Service for the Lord's Day
March 30, 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 30, 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: We've come to worship God,
who makes streams flow from rock,
who turns the parched earth into springs of water,
who sends the rain from heaven
and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

*ALL: As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,
so we thirst for you, O God.*

One: Come, let us worship our life-giving God,
who pours out living water on all who thirst.

***Hymn #14 For the Beauty of the Earth**

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

*Forgiving One,
the thirsty come looking for water and we turn away;
the hungry come and we offer a single can
from our overflowing pantries;
the lonely come, and we cling to our cliques;
the broken come, and we hand them an aspirin.
Have mercy on us, Steadfast One.
Help us to see our abundance, our blessings
and to share them with others.*

*Silent Confession

*Kyrie #551

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

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am Bb C Dm
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

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LAND OF REST

*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 63

Old Testament, p. 498

Sermon

Pausing for Blessing

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Time of Reflection

***Responsive Reading** Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

*Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.*

For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

*So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.*

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 #703** Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

***Charge & Benediction**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Worship Leader: Mary Harvey

Children's Message: Beverly Bonning

Pianist: Selin Samsar

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Lectio Divina

An ancient Christian prayer practice, *lectio divina* or “divine reading” is a way of being in prayer as one reads scripture. We read with open ears and hearts to hear what the Spirit may be speaking to us at this moment.

1. **Read** the scripture slowly. Listen for a key phrase or word that jumps out to you.
2. **Reflect** on that word or phrase. As you read the scripture passage again reflect on that word or phrase that stuck out to you. Try not to slip into studying or analyzing the passage. Listen to what God might be saying to you through the word or phrase.
3. **Respond** by asking “What is God’s invitation to me?” in what I have read or heard. You might journal or in prayer have a conversation with God.
4. **Rest** by sitting quietly in God’s presence. Be with God. Breathe.

Usher

Head Usher: Jason Giddings

Greeter

Jim Engelkes

Video Producer

Mike Brown

Flowers

Today's flowers are given for the glory of God.

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 30-April 6*

SUNDAY, 3/30

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education 11:15 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, 3/31

Trivia at Royal Scot 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, 4/1

Chorale Ensemble 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, 4/2

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

Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

UKirk Gathering 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, 4/3

20s/30s/40s Gathering 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, 4/4

UKirk Trivia 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, 4/6

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education 11:15 a.m.

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.



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.

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.

The game will begin at 7 p.m. at Presbyterian Church of Okemos. We can put you on a team if you would like us to do so. We also welcome business sponsorships at \$150.

If you can't attend the event but would like to support it, you can:

- Make/donate a dessert for the dessert auction
- Donate an item for the silent auction
- Make a financial donation



Silent auction items include using the owner's suite at the Lansing Lugnuts stadium (includes at least 20 tickets). Good for an open date of your choosing (not the 4th of July) during the 2025 season. You can bid, register and make donations at ukirkmsu.org

Sabbatical

Rev. Kristin Stroble will be on Sabbatical from April 28 to July 28. During that time, she will be unavailable by phone, email or in person. Watch for information about special services, celebrations and events that will take place while she is gone, including hymn sings, outdoor worship and congregation-led services.