

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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*“God could not
be everywhere, and
therefore he made
mothers.”*

- RUDYARD KIPLING



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2019

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

+Please silence cell phones during the worship service+

* = Please stand, if you are able.

- **Child Care is available in the Nursery during church services and the Christian Education Hour in Rm. 9 on the 2nd floor of the C.E. Building, which is accessible through the right-side door in the front of the sanctuary.**
- *If you would like the Pastor to announce and pray for a joy or concern during the Prayers of the People, please complete a gold Prayer Request form (located in the Friendship Pads) and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.*

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF FELLOWSHIP PADS

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

William Bradbury

CALL TO WORSHIP (1 John 4:7, 19)

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another.

People: **We love because God first loved us.**

PRAYER OF APPROACH

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 335

Though I May Speak

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*CALL TO RECONCILIATION (Romans 8:26)

Leader: The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness,

People: **interceding with sighs too deep for words.**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE (1 Peter 2:25)**

Leader: All of us, like sheep, have gone astray,

People: **but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls.**

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Behold What Manner of Love

P. Van Stine

Be - hold, what man - ner of love the Fa - ther has giv - en un - to us, Be -

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That we should be called the chil - dren of God,

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***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

(11:00) ANTHEM *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* arr. Martha Thompson
Good Shepherd Ringers

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Leviticus 19:9-18 (pg. 101 in pew Bibles)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 13:31-35 (pg. 938 in pew Bibles)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Family Practice*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

***HYMN NO. 239** *How Happy Is Each Child of God* *Winchester Old*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from The Heidelberg Catechism)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not on my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ....Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

COMMISSIONING OF TRUSTEE LINDA SCAMARA (11:00)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* arr. Laura Norder

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

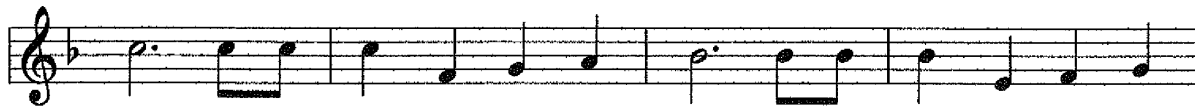
Henry Smith



Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One, give



thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ his Son. And



now let the weak say "I am strong", let the poor say "I am



rich" be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

PH, pg. 16

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 NO. 473**

For the Beauty of the Earth

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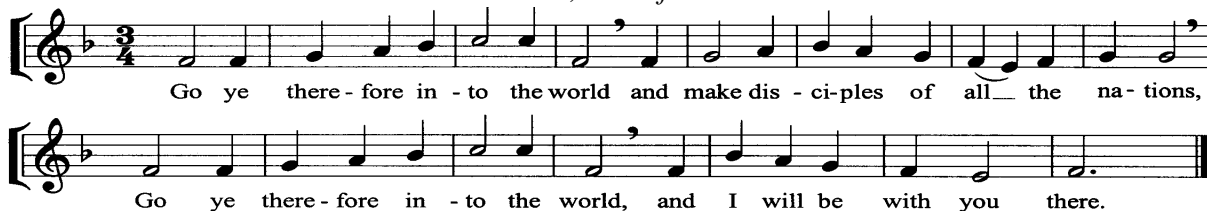
WE DEPART FOR SERVICE

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Go Ye, Therefore

Gretchen Dekker



Go ye there-fore in - to the world and make dis - ci-ples of all_ the na - tions,
Go ye there-fore in - to the world, and I will be with you there.

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe (from Water Music Suite)

G.F. Handel

Please silence cell phones during the worship service.

Green children's worship bags are available and hanging on the wall in the Narthex at the rear of the church.

Wireless personal listening devices are available in the Sanctuary by contacting an usher.

The Presbyterian Hymnal is available in large print. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher.

LEADING THE SERVICE

The Rev. Dr. Stephens Lytch, Transitional Pastor

Randy Yoder, Director of Music

Liturgist (11:00): Mary Boyd

Ushers: (9:00) Mike Bergeron, Daniel May, John Ehrat, Jim May

(11:00) Jeff Senft, Foster Hoyt, Tom Glover, Ralph Matunis

CHANCEL FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God
by Dick Campbell in memory of his loving wife Cindy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY, DATE, Pastor Lytch's sermon title is *The Spirit Network* and the scripture text is 1 Peter 2:2-10. The Chancel Choir will sing at the 11 a.m. service.

MIRIAM CIRCLE – Members of the Miriam Circle will be assembling fruit baskets for shut-ins during their meeting Thursday May 16.

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER – Eastminster Preschool will have a Rita's Fundraiser night May 14 & 15, 4-7 p.m. at the Market Street location. All proceeds will go toward field trips and the scholarship fund. Thank you for your continued support of the preschool program!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES -- Each year our congregation honors students who have completed their Senior year in high school or college and are graduating. This year they will be honored during the worship hour on Sunday, June 2nd. If you are graduating or have a child who is graduating, please call the church office so he or she can be included.

RUTH CIRCLE – The Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday May 21 at noon at Round the Clock Diner. This will be the final meeting. Unfortunately, due to the recent deaths of members, as well as some moving closer to family or to care facilities, the circle will be disbanding. Members are encouraged to join the other remaining circles.

MISSION BULLETIN BOARD – The mission bulletin board is in the Narthex on the doors leading to the Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to read the thank letters from those missions we support. This month there is one from Rise Against Hunger sharing the impact of our participation in the program.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED IN YORK COUNTY is celebrating their 100th Anniversary on June 15 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church. The event will be filled with enjoyable activities and fellowship including a Silent Auction and Keynote Speaker Carol Hill-Evans, PA State Representative from York. Please register by May 31 and send a check payable to CWU in York County for \$20, which includes a buffet lunch. Registrations may be sent to Judy Grove, 613 Green Valley Road, York, PA 17403.



Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

*+All our military men and women around the world and their families back home+
+Eastminster Presbyterian Church – its congregation, mission, and ministry+
+ Stephen Ministers and their care receivers+*

Alyssa Border, her husband, and baby son Benjamin

Hilton Foore

Andrew Frey

Dee Hoyt

Jerry & Tania O'Hearn

Phil & Tana Rarick

Doris Ward

Dick Witzke

*If you would like to have someone placed on the prayer list,
please first obtain that person's permission and then drop a note in the offering plate
or contact Beth Anne by e-mail at epcyorkoffice@gmail.com or phone 717-755-6222.*

The calendar in the bulletin gives this week's events. Copies of our latest newsletter are available in the Narthex in the back of the Sanctuary. The newsletter contains our worship schedule and information about the activities, events, and opportunities for ministry and mission offered at Eastminster.

CALENDAR

Please see our website, eastminster-york.org, for possible updates and changes.

Sun May 12	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
		Children's Sunday School – C.E. Building
		Adult Bible Study – Library
	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour – MPR*
		Wired Word – Haines Reception Room
	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
	4:00-6:30 p.m.	New Generation Ministry Worship – Fellowship Hall
Mon May 13	9:30-10:00 a.m.	Pastor Storytime -- Sanctuary
	12:00-12:30 p.m.	Pastor Storytime -- Sanctuary
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting – Board Room
Tues May 14	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Preschool Graduation Practice – Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting – MPR
	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Congregational Life – MPR
Wed May 15	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Preschool Graduation Practice – Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cool Knitting/Warm Fellowship – Haines Reception Room
	10:00-11:00 a.m.	East York Ministerial Association -- MPR
	7:00-8:30 p.m.	New Generation Ministry Youth – F. Hall & Room 13
	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal – Choir Room
Thur May 16	8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Preschool Carnival – PS grounds (F Hall rain location)
	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Miriam Circle – MPR
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Preschool Board Meeting – MPR
Fri May 17		Church Offices Closed
	8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Preschool Carnival – PS grounds (F Hall rain location)

MPR* = Multipurpose Room



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