

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation
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311 Haines Road † York, PA 17402

September 1, 2019



Welcome to Worship

My grace is sufficient for you.

II Corinthians 12:9

12th Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 2019

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

+Please silence cell phones during the worship service+

* = Please stand, if you are able.

- 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

Morning Song

arr. Joseph Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;

People: make known among the nations what he has done.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

People: tell of his wonderful acts.

Leader: Look to the Lord and his strength;

People: let us seek his face always.

*PRAYER OF APPROACH

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 267

All Things Bright and Beautiful
(see words and music in back of the bulletin)

Royal Oak

***CALL TO RECONCILIATION (1 John 1:8-9)**

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Leader: Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. In your abundant love and mercy, forgive us, O God. Create in us a clean heart. Place a new and right spirit within us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE (2 Corinthians 5:17)**

Leader: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

People: **The past is left behind; everything has become fresh and new.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

***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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 3:1-15 (pg. 47 in pew Bibles)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 16:21-28 (pg. 851 in pew Bibles)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Finding Your Place

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

***HYMN NO. 419** *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord* *Repton*
(see words and music in back of the bulletin)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles' Creed* (Traditional Version) PH, pg. 14

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Water is Wide
Janis McCollim, flute

arr. Brant Adams

***OFFERING RESPONSE No. 592** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* *Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all
crea-tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove ye heav'n-ly
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Let us pray...

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

9:00 - (Please come forward at the appropriate time and return silently to your seat.
Those unable to come forward may remain seated,
and communion will be brought to you.)

11:00 - (Please hold the elements until all have been served, so that
we can share as one in the Body of Christ.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN NO. 371

Lift High the Cross
(see words and music in back of the bulletin)

Crucifer

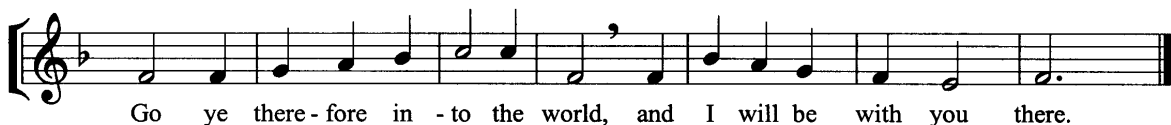
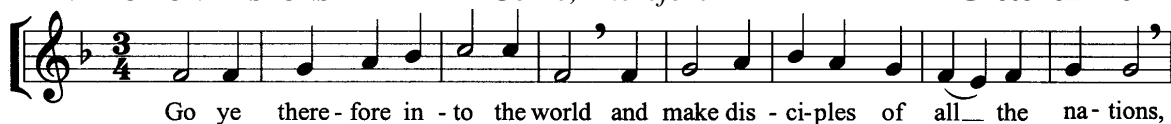
WE DEPART FOR SERVICE

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Ye, Therefore

Gretchen Dekker



POSTLUDE

God of Grace and Glory

arr. Eugene Butler

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 Worship

The Rev. Dr. Stephens Lytch, Transitional Pastor

Randy Yoder, Director of Music

Ushers (11:00): Mike Bergeron, Daniel May, John Ehrat, Jim May

Communion Assistants ~ (9:00) Sue Bergeron, Marilyn Sanford, Jim Tollinger

(11:00) Nancy Edwards, Tom Fleischer, Linda Scamara, Jan Witzke

CHANCEL FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God
by Gene and Doris Jonosky in honor of their 70th wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOSE PLATE OFFERING BENEFITS THE DEACON FUND – The loose offering from this and every communion service is divided equally between the general deacon fund and the missions fund, which is then used for local outreach.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, IS RALLY DAY. Pastor Lytch's sermon title is The Story that Shapes Our Lives and the scripture text is 1 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12. The Chancel Choir will sing at the 11 a.m. service.

GROCERY CARDS -- We will be in the MPR after each service today selling **Weis and Giant grocery cards**. There will be extra cards available if you forgot to order or need more. There are many projects being done with our proceeds from this program. Thank you to everyone for helping the Facilities Management Committee while you shop.

PRAYER SHAWLS -- The next blessing of the Prayer Shawls will take place during Gifts of Women Sunday on September 15th. Completed Prayer Shawls may be dropped off no later than Wednesday, September 13th, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon in the Haines Reception room where we meet for Cool Knitting and Warm Fellowship. Or you may contact Jan Witzke at (717) 757-3155 to make other arrangements.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is recruiting for both committee members and/or teachers. Members can do one or the other without pressure to do both. We have some ideas for the year and would welcome new committee members for their ideas on what would work. Please let Jennifer Sefton know if you would like to do either or both. Our next meeting is Sunday, September 15, 10:15 in the Sunday School Classroom upstairs.

FLUENCY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT EAST YORK ELEMENTARY
You can find flyers in the back of the church with information. The designated dates and times for the information/training session have passed, however, you can contact Denise Fuhrman, Principal, at dfuhrman@yssd.org and she will make arrangements for you to receive the help you need to get started. Thank you for all those who have volunteered!

SHOEBOX MINISTRY -- There is a Shoebox ministry workshop on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 9:00-11:30 a.m. at Faith United Church of Christ, 509 Pacific Ave., York, PA 17404. You will learn more about the ministry, experience a lesson from The Greatest Journey and create fun shoebox items! Please RSVP by September 2nd to occyork@gmail.com.

**Please note that there are information sheets in the back of the church with some general instructions for shoeboxes. We have some items that can you might be able to use and, they will be put in the multipurpose room on the back table. Thank you for your participation, as it is a great opportunity for children to be introduced to Jesus Christ. For questions, please ask Jan Witzke, Carmen Doyle or Georgia Mazzolla.

BROWNIE BAKERS -- September 5th is Brownie Day! Please have your brownies to the church by 10:00 Thursday morning and once again, thank you so much for your faithfulness.

TOILET PAPER PAPER TOWEL SUNDAY is next Sunday September 8th. We thank you so much for these very valuable paper products. Last time we delivered them, the woman who works there said how much they are needed and that they just fly off the shelves when they have them. So, please know that you are making life a little better for folks! Thank you.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILDING ON FAITH -- A brief update with more to come; the dedication service will be on September 28 at 10:00 AM. If you want to volunteer, you must register at donate.yorkhabitat.org and watch a video. Regular workdays will be Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. If we can get a group of 10 together,

an Eastminster workday can be scheduled. If you need assistance registering on the computer, we will set up a couple of dates during the Coffee Hour between services. Thank you, John Ehrat, for coordinating Eastminster and the Building on Faith ministry.

SERVICE AUCTION – A Harvest of Blessings Auction and Luncheon will be October 27th after the second church service. We are still looking for people who can volunteer a service, product, gift certificate, etc. Please mark your calendars as it promises to be great fun! And, you know it won't be the same without you! Questions or if you want to volunteer to help, please let Nancy Edwards, Kathy Lord or Georgia Mazzolla! Thank you!!



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+*

Marilyn DiCola

Hilton Foore

Austin Fry

Ed Jung

The family and friends of Gloria Keller, who died August 26th

Emma Kotzman

Jerry and Tania O'Hearn

The family and friends of Bonnie Spancake, who died August 27th

Doris Ward

*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.*

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,

All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all.

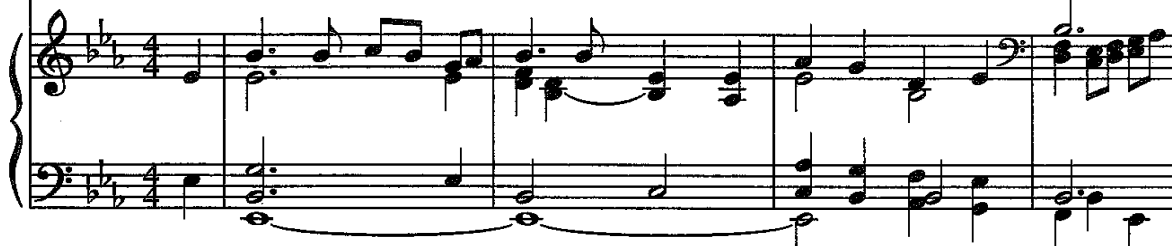
1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
 The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky,
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.
 How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.*

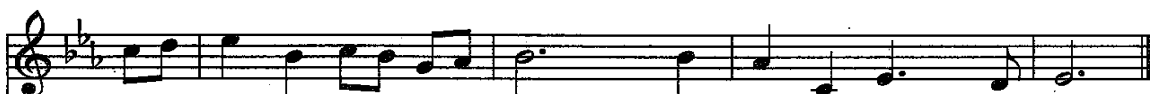
*Repeat Refrain.



1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, When once we heed Your call:
 2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
 3. We mark Your saints, how they be - came In hin - dranc - es more sure,
 4. In what You give us, Lord, to do, To - geth - er or a - lone,



To live ac - cord - ing to Your word, And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 If world - ly pres - sures fray the mind And love it - self can - not un - wind
 Whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name,
 In old rou - tines or ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You—



That You are Lord of all	And will not let us fall.
Its tan - gled skein of care:	Our in - ward life re - pair.
And by our faults ob - scure	Your power to cleanse and cure.
The cross You hung up - on—	All You en - deav - ored done.



*HYMN NO. 371

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

Refrain and Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name. *Fine*

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

The Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.
 Your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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 Sept 1		<i>Today is the day to pay and pick up grocery cards</i>
	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Worship – Outdoor Worship Center
	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Wired Word – Haines Reception Area
		Coffee Hour – MPR*
	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
	4:00-6:30 p.m.	New Generation Ministry Worship – Fellowship Hall
Mon Sept 2		Labor Day – Church and Preschool Offices Closed
Tues Sept 3	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting – MPR
	12:30-4:00 p.m.	FMC Meeting – MPR
	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Preschool Parent Meeting – Fellowship Hall
Wed Sept 4	9:00 -10:00 a.m.	Afghan Group – Board Room
	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	First Day of Preschool (select classes)
	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cool Knitting/Warm Fellowship – Haines Reception Room
		Korean War Vets – MPR
	7:00-8:30 p.m.	New Generation Ministry Youth – F. Hall & Room 13
	7:30-8:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir – Choir Room
Thur Sept 5	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	First Day of Preschool (select classes)
Fri Sept 6		Church Offices Closed
	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	First Day of Preschool (select classes)
	6:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.	New Generation Ministry Meeting – Fellowship Hall
Sat Sept 7	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Set up for Fishbowl Raffle -- MPR

*MPR= Multipurpose Room



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