

EASTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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311 Haines Road † York, PA 17402

October 31, 2021



Welcome to Worship

My grace is sufficient for you.

II Corinthians 12:9

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 31, 2021

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

+Please silence cell phones during the worship service+

* = Please stand if you are able.

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

CHIMES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mal. 1:11

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting

People: **the Lord's name is great among the nations.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 260** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (vv. 1 and 4) Ein Feste Burg*
(see music and words at the back of the bulletin)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

John 3:5

We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life's end. Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

SILENT CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Tim. 1:15, 1 Pet. 2:24

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Johnston, Towner

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par-don and cleanse with-in;

Grace, grace, God's grace. grace that is great-er than all our sin.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST READING

Isa 44:6-8

NRSV

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us^[b] what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

MUSICAL OFFERING

The Lord is My Shepherd
Marilyn Jennerjohn, solo

Robert Newton

All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's *within* us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

A Theology of Childlikeness: Respond

Rev. Joshua D. Gill

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN

Jesus Calls Us (all verses)
(see music and words at the back of the bulletin)

Alexander, Jude

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rom. 8:1, 28, 38, 39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

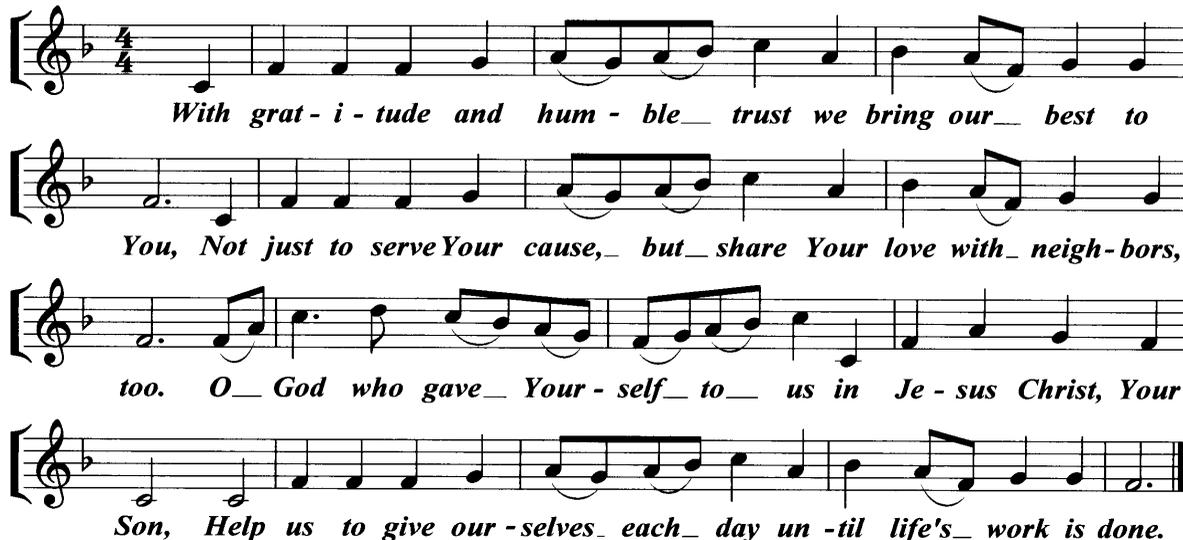
OFFERING

Please place your offering in the plates in the outdoor worship center or narthex area. Thank you.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

With Gratitude and Humble Trust

Forest Green



With grat - i - tude and hum - ble_ trust we bring our_ best to
You, Not just to serve Your cause, _ but_ share Your love with_ neigh - bors,
too. O_ God who gave_ Your - self_ to_ us in Je - sus Christ, Your
Son, Help us to give our - selves_ each_ day un - til life's_ work is done.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

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. 298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (all verses)
(see music and words at the back of the bulletin)

In Babilone

WE DEPART FOR SERVICE

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

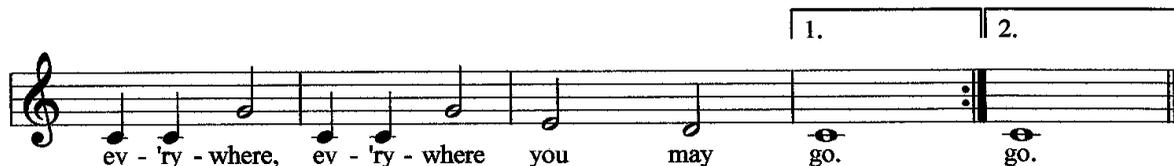
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

Natalie Sleeth



Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of God sur - round_ you



ev - 'ry - where, ev - 'ry - where you may go. go.

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in d minor

J.S. Bach

LEADING THE SERVICE

The Rev. Joshua D. Gill, Pastor
Randy Yoder, Director of Music
Beth Anne Foess, Camera Operator

The Call to Worship, Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and Affirmation of Faith are from the Book of Common Worship.

CHANCEL FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God by Tania O'Hearn in honor of her children and grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY, November 7, Pastor Josh's sermon title is *The Widow's Offering*, and the scripture is Mark 12:38-44. Janis McCollim will play flute at the 9 a.m. service and the Chancel Choir will sing at the 11 a.m. service.

EXCAVATOR – On Tuesday, part of the lower parking lot (preschool) will be closed so that an excavator can be brought in to investigate the sinkholes that have formed. Access to the area will be limited that day.

INSTALLATION SERVICE -- Hear ye, hear ye! **The Installation Service for our Rev. Joshua D. Gill as Eastminster's Head of Staff will take place on November 7th, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.** This auspicious occasion (delayed by Covid) is an exciting time in the life of the church.

Ordinarily installations are celebrated at a worship service at a time other than Sunday morning so that colleagues in ministries and friends in other worshiping communities may attend. Because the set hour is 6:30PM and many congregants hesitate to drive at night, the Deacons are arranging transportation (EPC Uber!). Janis McCollim is the contact person to arrange a ride. You may contact her at (703) 470-8660, jmccollim@aol.com, or (717) 900-1885.

A special offering will be taken to support the Teaching Elder Emergency Fund. Checks are to be made out to Presbytery of Donegal with "Pastor Emergency Fund" in the memo. Following the service, a reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage you to attend this joyous service and Wear Red!

GROCERY CARDS – Thanksgiving is coming and that means more food to buy and more Weis and Giant grocery cards to purchase. **TODAY** is your last day to order for November. Have you seen the renovated Haines House kitchen? All of that was made possible because of the support and revenue from the grocery card program. Also, we should thank the FMC guys for their hard work. We will be in the MPR after each service next Sunday for payment and pick-up. There will be extra cards available if you forgot to order or need more.

11/14/21 VISION GATHERING – Please join us on November 14 as we gather for our final Fall Vision Gathering. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall 8:30-10:30 a.m. to reflect on God's dream for Eastminster. If you are unable to attend on the 14th, there will be a Zoom session on November 18 at 7 p.m.

CRISPUS ATTUCKS SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION -- Through November 14th we will be collecting spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, notebook paper, Chapstick, individual tissue packs and individual hand sanitizers. This will be a great help keeping the students supplied and healthy! There will be a container in the MPR (near the TPTB bin) until both services are back in the church. Thank you for your generosity, as the school is very grateful for your support!

THANKSGIVING “FOOD BOX” GIFT CARDS -- Once again, we are asking for financial donations for grocery gift cards so that \$75 worth of cards will be given to the 14 families at Bell Family Shelter. With Covid and supply chain issues, we were concerned that it may be difficult to find the things we need in the quantity we would need. Please make your check out to Eastminster Presbyterian with “Food Boxes” in the memo. We thank you in advance for your contributions that will make it possible for these families to have a blessed Thanksgiving!

BROWNIE BAKERS -- It’s hard to believe tomorrow is November already, which makes it brownie baking time! Thursday, November 4th is the day they are due at 10 a.m. in the Narthex for delivery. Once again, thank you for your faithfulness in making these treats for the guests at Our Daily Bread!!

TOILET PAPER/TRASH BAG SUNDAY -- The collection will take on November 7th on be delivered to LifePath Christian Ministries. Also, the items can be dropped off any time during the week as well. Thank you for providing these necessities to our neighbors in need!

HYGIENE KITS -- Presbyterian Women are taking donations of hygiene items for the needy. There is a sheet of items that are to be put in plastic gallon size bags. The sheet is in a plastic bin in the MPR marked “Hygiene Kits.” If people just want to purchase the items, the women’s circles will put them together and into the bags for donating. Any questions, please call JoAnn Hankey.

COVID SAFEGUARDS

York County remains a community with high transmission rates

Outdoor Worship: Please continue to practice social distancing. If you are unvaccinated, we ask you to continue to wear a mask. For those persons who are fully vaccinated, a mask is optional.

Indoor Worship: ***Out of an abundance of caution and for the protection and safety of our members, we require the wearing of masks during indoor worship.***
We ask you to please visit with one another outside and to practice social distancing while inside the sanctuary.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 260 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (vv. 1 and 4)* *Ein Feste Burg*



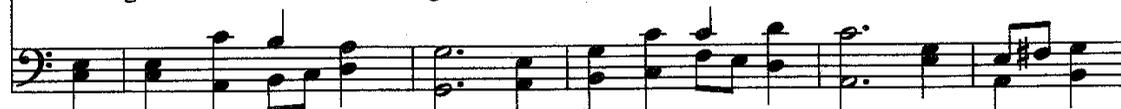
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.





1. Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult Of our life's wild, rest-less sea,
2. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship Of the vain world's gold-en store,
3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, Days of toil and hours of ease,
4. Je - sus calls us: by Thy mer - cies, Sav - iour, may we hear Thy call,



Day by day His sweet voice sound-eth, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low Me."
From each i - dol that would keep us, Say - ing, "Chris-tian, love Me more."
Still He calls, in cares and pleas-ures, "Chris-tian, love Me more than these."
Give our hearts to Thine o - be-dience, Serve and love Thee best of all. A-MEN.



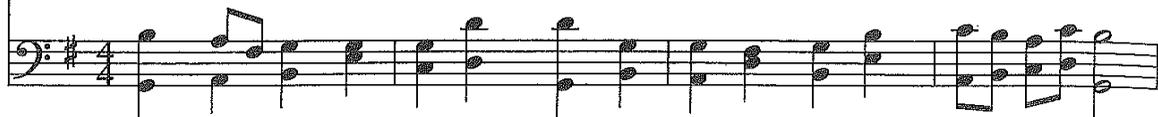
*HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (all verses)

In Babilone



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;



There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.





Please keep these people in your prayers this week:

Robin Blakely & Tom Banks

Lucille Crumling

Peggy Deming

Marilyn DiCola

Hilton Foore

Zack Harbold

Wyatt Leik

Bob Maxwell

Janet & Ken Sweigert

Laura Tyminsky

Sophia Valentino

Gene Vega

Linda Williams

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.

CALENDAR

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

Sun Oct 31		<i>Today is the cut off date to order grocery cards</i>
	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Worship – Outdoor Worship Center
	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Children’s Sunday School – Room 13 (following the Children’s Message)
	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study -- Library
	11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Worship – Sanctuary
		Livestream -- eastminster-york.org
	1:00-5:00 p.m.	Honors Choir Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary
Mon Nov 1	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministers -- MPR
	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Worship Committee -- MPR
Tues Nov 2	10:00-11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting – MPR
	12:30-3:00 p.m.	FMC Meeting – Fellowship Hall
	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Vision Team Meeting -- Library
Wed Nov 3	9:00-10:00 a.m.	Afghan Group – Board Room
	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Cool Knitting/Warm Fellowship – Haines Reception Room
Thur Nov 4	10:00 a.m.	Brownie Bakers – Brownies due
Fri Nov 5		Church Offices Closed

*MPR= Multipurpose Room



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