

MAY YOUR HOME AND HEART BE A SANCTUARY

In Christ's name we gather in homes in Columbia and beyond to worship God. This day we set our homes apart for Christian worship. As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

*“God is in His Holy temple,
let all the earth keep silence before Him.”*

PRELUDE

Keep God's Light

Mark Patterson

Sanctuary Singers

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

People: **I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.**

Leader: I will be filled with joy because of you.

People: **I will sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

All: **Come, Let us worship our Lord and our God.**

*HYMN OF ADORATION #370

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

1. **This is my father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.**
2. **This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.**

PRAYER OF ADORATION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Lynn A. Grandsire

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON #702

Christ Be Beside Me

BUNESSAN

Christ be beside me; Christ be before me; Christ be behind me, King of my heart. Christ be within me; Christ be below me; Christ be above me, never to part.

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND TIME OF OFFERING

During this time you are encouraged to extend the hand of Christ by texting “The peace of Christ be with you,” “The Lord be with you,” or another brief greeting to 3-4 people, Eastminster members or beyond.

To respond to God's grace by participating in God's work through Eastminster, use one of the following options:

1. Mail contributions to: EPC, 3200 Trenholm Road, Columbia, SC 29204.
2. To set up recurring gifts, register on the members' portal at <https://members.eastminsterpres.org> then follow prompts for giving.
3. One time gifts: Go to our webpage at <https://eastminsterpres.org/contribute> and select “2020

- General Fund” and follow prompts.
4. Give by texting 18035909901, type "give" and hit send. You will be sent a link to give.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Scripture Focus: Matthew 13:31-33

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Mustard Seed”

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #647

Give Thanks

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a cheerful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. Give thanks with a cheerful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ the Son. And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!” And now let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!” Give thanks. Give thanks.

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

May the Road Rise to Meet You

Lee Turner

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be at your back, May the sun shine warmly on your face; May the rain fall softly on your field; and until we meet again, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

arr. Joshua Evanovich

WELCOME TO EASTMINSTER

We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate this Lord's Day with us, and we hope that in a real and meaningful way you will sense God's presence, power and purpose among us.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Contact Susie Glenn (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654 x123) to learn more and find out about our next First Step class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster and our on-going ministries.

August 2, 2020

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith
Isaiah 40:18, 21-24, 28-31
“Self-Care Amid Coronavirus”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: worship at 9 and 10:30 am via livestreaming, and the Children’s Lesson at 8:45 & 10:15 am. Please join us this summer via LIVE FEED button on our website.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: This week please keep the Free Medical Clinic in your prayers. Located on Harden St., this clinic provides healthcare to those who are unable to afford their services. Please pray that the doctors and staff are able to stay healthy to continue providing quality care. If you would like to help out, contact Susie Glenn (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

JOIN US FOR “COFFEE HOUR” TODAY AT 10 AM VIA ZOOM! Virtual face-to-face interaction for fellowship and prayer. Just go to the website homepage: www.eastminsterpres.org and click on the Quick Link entitled “Join the Conversation...” For technical assistance, contact James Cassidy at jcassidy@eastminsterpres.org.

TODAY IS PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY! Our collection for Harvest Hope begins today and goes through this Thursday’s meal pick-up at the CLC. Just drop off a jar of peanut butter in the bins under the CLC portico. Questions? Contact Susie Glenn (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org). Last month, your donations totaled 321 lbs.!

TOMORROW IS A “NIGHT OF VBS” BEGINNING AT 5:45 PM when registered families will drive thru the CLC meal pick-up line for chicken sandwiches and then head over to the field for our program geared towards rising 4K-rising 6th graders. The cost is \$25/car. Goody bags with VBS swag will be available. Should rain be in the forecast, please see emails from Croskeys Royall.

JOIN US! “CONVERSATIONS & PRAYER” TUESDAY/THURSDAY AT NOON VIA ZOOM. These sessions are pastor-led and give us a chance to fellowship and share virtually face-to-face. Just go to the website homepage: www.eastminsterpres.org and click on the Quick Link entitled “Join the Conversation...” For technical assistance, contact James Cassidy at jcassidy@eastminsterpres.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: E2 Interns will preach on August 9. Nick Demuynck will be ordained on August 16. Join us via LIVE FEED at www.eastminsterpres.org.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS AUGUST 9. Parents look for details via email from Nick Demuynck.

NICK DEMUYNCK IS MEETING WITH SMALL GROUPS OF HS STUDENTS weeknights or at lunch, to share a little and to get to know them over a meal. If you haven’t met with Nick, please contact a group of friends (8 max) and send Nick an email to set up a day/time (ndemuynck@eastminsterpres.org).

FAMILY PROMISE NEEDS OUR HELP! Our host week was scheduled to be August 2-8; however, the families are still staying in alternative housing during the COVID-19 crisis. If you would like to help offset the costs of their meals during that week, gift cards for grocery stores or fast-food restaurants would be greatly appreciated. Contact Susie Glenn to find out more (sglenn@eastminsterpres.org).

TUESDAY/THURSDAY MEAL MENUS FOR NEXT WEEK: Eastminster has to-go dinners on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The costs are \$3 per child (0-8), \$6 per adult (9+) with a \$25 family cap. You must register through the EPC website’s Quick Links by noon on Tues/Thurs. In an effort to decrease the

spread of germs, we will not be accepting payment in person. If you are not able to pay online via PayPal, please mail in your payment.

Tuesday, July 28: Teriyaki Chicken, Coconut Rice, Steamed Vegetables, Eggroll & Fortune Cookies

Thursday, July 30: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Broccoli & Rolls

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God by Debra and Jeff Frick.