

### As You Enter the Sanctuary

Welcome to Youth Sunday at Eastminster Presbyterian Church! Annually, the EPC Youth lead a service of worship to praise the Living God. We are glad that you are here today to actively participate and praise God with us. Please prayerfully silence the world and open your heart to God.  
Welcome.

***“Every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.”***

### PRELUDE

*Eye of the Storm Part 1*

Youth Band

Ryan Stevenson

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Michael Balthazor (9 am)  
Ava Grier (11:15 am)

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;  
**People: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**  
Leader: I will be glad and exult in you;  
**People: I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**  
**All: Let us worship God.**

from Psalm 9:1-2

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

*Like a Lion/ God's Not Dead*

Crowder

1. Let love explode and bring the dead to life. A love so bold to see a revolution somehow. Let love explode and bring the dead to life! A love so bold to bring a revolution somehow.  
Chorus: Now I'm lost in your freedom. Oh, this world I'll overcome. My God's not dead! He's surely alive, and He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion. My God's not dead! He's surely alive! And He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion.
2. Let hope arise and make the darkness hide. My faith is dead, I need a resurrection somehow. Let hope arise and make the darkness hide. My faith is dead. I need a resurrection somehow.  
Chorus: Now I'm lost in your freedom. Oh, this world I'll overcome. My God's not dead! He's surely alive, and He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion. My God's not dead! He's surely alive, and He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion.

My God's not dead, He's surely alive! And He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion. My God's not dead! He's surely alive, and He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion. He's surely alive! Oh, He's surely alive!

Let Heaven roar and fire fall. Come, shake the ground, with the sound of revival. Let Heaven roar and fire fall, come, shake the ground with the sound of revival. (Repeat)

My God's not dead! He's surely alive, and He's living on the inside, roaring like a lion. (Repeat) Oh, He's surely alive (repeat)

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

John McCants (9 am)  
Charlie McCabe (11:15 am)

### \*THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

Mary Elizabeth Barber (9 am)  
Gracie Andrews (11:15 am)

**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.**

## SONG

*Rescue*

Lauren Daigle

1. You are not hidden. There's never been a moment you were forgotten. You are not hopeless, though you have been broken, Your innocence stolen. I hear you whisper underneath your breath. I hear your SOS, your SOS. I will send out an army to find you in the middle of the darkest night, it's true. I will rescue you.
2. There is no distance that cannot be covered, over and over. You're not defenseless; I'll be your shelter, I'll be your armor. I hear you whisper underneath your breath. I hear your SOS, your SOS.

I will send out an army to find you in the middle of the darkest night. It's true, I will rescue you, and I will never stop marching to reach you in the middle of the hardest fight. It's true, I will rescue you.

I hear the whisper underneath your breath. I hear you whisper you have nothing left. I will send out an army to find you in the middle of the darkest night. It's true, I will rescue you, and I will never stop marching to reach you in the middle of the hardest fight. It's true, I will rescue you. Oh, I will rescue you.

## 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 “2021 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

Christopher Twitty (9 am)

Mary Margaret Mann (11:15 am)

**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

**Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 40:21-31

Zachary Beitz (9 am)

Margaret Long (11:15 am)

**New Testament Lesson:** Matthew 12:31-32

Ivey Barber

Barron Grier (11:15 am)

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMONS** "Building Our Faith"

Carter Montgomery, Andrew Abramson, Sanders Bethea, Colson Carey, Gracie Davidson (9 am)  
William Bennett, Millie Laird, James Kitchens, Addie Anders (11:15 am)

**SENIOR VIDEO**

**PRAYER FOR SENIORS**

Rev. Nicholas P. Demuynck (9 am)  
Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith (11:15 am)

**\*CLOSING SONG**

*Reckless Love*

Cory Asbury

1. Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me. You have been so, so good to me. Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me. You have been so, so kind to me. Chorus: Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine. I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away. Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah.

2. When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me. You have been so, so good to me. When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me. You have been so, so kind to me. Chorus: Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine. I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away. Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah.

There's no shadow You won't light up; mountain You won't climb up coming after me. There's no wall You won't kick down, lie You won't tear down, coming after me. (Repeat)

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God. Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine. And I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away. Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Eye of the Storm Part 2*

Ryan Stevenson

**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 Christina Siokos (csiokos@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654 x123), Member Involvement Coordinator to find out about our next First Step class, a class designed to help you learn about Eastminster.*

**May 16, 2021**

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME TO YOUTH & BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY!

**TODAY'S SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING** is for residents at the Columbia Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina who have outlived their savings.

### NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT—HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

**WE WILL HAVE THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** on Sunday, May 16 at the conclusion of the 11:15 worship service on the Field.

**INTERESTED IN A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CLASS THIS FALL?** All interested couples should stop by Laura & Kevin Long's (1627 Roslyn Dr.) May 16, at 6:30 pm for refreshments and knowledge share.

**YOUTH END DATES (SUMMER) FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL.** May 16: Last Sunday evening Youth Groups, May 23: last Sunday School classes, & May 26 last Wednesday evening Bible Studies. Thank you, Youth Leaders!

**EPW JOINT CIRCLE MEETING IS TOMORROW AT 10:30 AM.** Circles 1 & 3 meet the second Monday of the month in the Sanctuary or via Live Feed for fellowship, prayer and a brief lesson led by one of our members.

**TUES/THURS TO-GO MEALS MENUS FOR THIS WEEK.** Please RSVP via Quick Links at [www.eastminsterpres.org](http://www.eastminsterpres.org) each Tuesday/Thursday by noon.

**May 11:** Pork Medallions w/Mushroom Brie Sauce, Boiled Potatoes, Red Cabbage, 3 Bean Salad & Rolls

**May 13:** Beef Stew Over Rice, Green Beans, Corn Nuggets & Rolls

**NEW SOAP READINGS BEGIN TOMORROW.** Join us as we journey through the Psalms. You can find the list under Quick Links and the daily readings in the footer of the Daily Devotional.

**EPC BLOOD DRIVE IS THIS THURSDAY, MAY 13, FROM 1-6 PM IN THE CLC.** Give the gift of life. Sign up via Quick Links. Just put in EPC's zip code, 29204—Passcode is "Eastminster" Donors will receive a coupon for a meal from Regina's drive-thru. (Just make sure to RSVP Tues/Thurs by noon.) Questions about the blood drive? Contact Emmet Hough (Dir. CLC) at [ehough@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:ehough@eastminsterpres.org).

**JOIN US MAY 23 FOR A TAILGATE ON THE FIELD AFTER WORSHIP.** Bring a picnic lunch, or enjoy local fare from food trucks (including snow cones). Hear music from the Youth Band and don't miss a much-needed chance to reconnect! NO RSVP required.

**REGISTER FOR COMPASS MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL MISSION OP.** Visit Quick Links to sign up. Middle School (Rising 6th-8th graders) dates are June 16-19. High School (Rising 9th—college freshmen) dates are July 26-31. Look for emails from Bethany and Nick. Registration closes on May 23rd.

**PEP (PEOPLE ENJOYING PEOPLE) LUNCHEON RETURNS MAY 25 AT 11:45 AM** with guest speaker, Rev. Nick Demuynck, EPC's Associate Pastor of Youth & Younger Adults. Call Sarah Beasley at 803-256-1654 ext 122 to sign up.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS—SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 6.** Field worship will move to 9 am. Traditional worship in the Sanctuary will begin at 9:15 am. The adult combined Sunday school class will begin at 10:15 am.

**ALPHA LEADERS NEEDED WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL.** If you have taken Alpha previously and are willing to lead a class, or even if you haven't taken Alpha, but are willing to be trained to lead, contact Laura Long at [llong@eastminsterpres.org](mailto:llong@eastminsterpres.org).

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given by Kathy and Jack Wolfe, in memory of Kathy's mother, Charlotte Cassels, Jack's mother, Marie Wolfe, and in celebration of the birth of their granddaughter Lawton Powell Lord.