

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

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

INTROIT

Gathered in God's Name vs. 1

Michael Burkhardt

Gathered in God's name 'round the table and font. Gathered as one fam'ly in the name of love. Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place, gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace. Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word. Gathered as one fam'ly in the name of love, in the name of love, in the name of love.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: **Who, in his great mercy, has brought us to life again**

Leader: Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!

People: **Rejoice! Come into God's presence with joy and singing!**

All: **Let us unite in heart and voice to worship the Lord our God!**

*HYMN OF ADORATION #610

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key

*THE APOSTLES' CREED *(Unison)*

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.

**GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we confess that we fall short of being the people you have for us to be. Rather than following you, we fight for control. Rather than gratitude, we grumble. We see the speck in our neighbor's eye but are blind to the log in our own. Lord, forgive us and change us, and let it begin in this time of silent prayer...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
Congregation: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gathered in God's Name vs. 3

Michael Burkhardt

Gathered in God's name 'round the peace of the Lord, in the presence of Christ, in the name of love. Gathered from near and far, gathered in this holy place, gathered as strangers and friends, gathered and gifted by grace. Gathered in God's name 'round the living Word. Gathered as one fam'ly in the name of love, in the name of love, in the name of love.

SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER, OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

If you or someone you know is in need of special prayer today or if you would like to speak personally with a pastor about making a first time commitment to Christ or growing in the Christian faith and discipleship, a pastor is on hand to speak with you following the worship service today by the lectern in the front of the Sanctuary.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

How Good to Thank Our God

John Ferguson

How good to thank our God and speak our Savior's name, with flute and trumpet, heart and voice, God's wonders to acclaim: Sing praises, sing praises with psalms and hymns and songs! Yet streams of praise go foul, or run into the sand, if justice cannot run its course and water all the land: Do justice with kindness and sing our Savior's song! Yet Christ has shown the way of love and praise combined, and treads the path of peace on earth with justice intertwined: Sing praises, sing praises, with psalms and hymns and songs! Our praise cannot wait till word and deed are done. The Spirit fills us through and through with all that God has done! Sing praises, sing praises with psalms and hymns and songs! Then let us walk in love; by love our faith is shown. Unloving, we are far from God, in loving, God is known: Through justice, with kindness we'll sing our Savior's song!

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Nelle Holcombe

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

“Return, Rejoice & Respond: Sermon 2 of 3”

HYMN OF PREPARATION #460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation to the Table of the Lord

The Sursum Corda

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto The Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

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

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Taste and See

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in Him

R. Vaughn Williams

Psalm 24:8

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #321 (vs 1-4)**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #321 (vs. 5)**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly may live eternally.

POSTLUDE

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. If you would like for us to connect with you, please leave your contact information in the Friendship Pad when it is passed.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Contact Member Involvement Coordinator Christina Siokos (256-1654 x123 or csiokos@eastminsterpres.org) 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.

Sept. 5, 2021

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL WORSHIP HOURS include three worship service times (9 am in the Sanctuary, 11:15 am in the Sanctuary & Jubilee in Thompson Hall). Sunday School is at 10 am. Stop by one of our Welcome Centers for information on Sunday & Wednesday evening classes, WE@EPC menus and more.

WE WELCOME NICKIE RILEY AS ORGANIST today while Josh is away on vacation.

PARENT MEETINGS FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH are today on the 3rd floor of the CLC at 10AM. MS (Art & Crafts Rm) HS (Multipurpose Rm).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TOURS BEGIN AT 10 AM IN THE ADULT RECEPTION HALL.

Looking for a new class this fall? Visit classrooms, meet class leaders and learn about the curriculum. Laura Long (Membership Outreach) will lead the Q&A.

POOL PARTY (1ST –5TH GRADES) TONIGHT AT GREGG PARK (5-6:30 pm) No need to RSVP; just bring a towel and \$3 for pizza and watermelon. Don't miss the Saved With Amazing Grace (SWAG) kickoff.

JOIN US SEPT. 5 FOR AN INTERGENERATIONAL BRUNCH AT 10 AM in the Courtyard. We will not have regular Sunday School.

H.A.L.T. ADDICTION AWARENESS DINNER IS SEPT. 8 (GYM) with Michael Hedgecock (Ed.S Psychology). Many have battled addiction, anxiety, depression and PTSD, all possibly during COVID isolation. (RSVP via Quick Links.) You can also learn more about mental and emotional well-being from area professionals this fall as the conversations continue. (WE@EPC beginning Sept 22.)

CELEBRATION SUNDAY IS SEPT. 12! Join us for "Rally Day" as Sunday School classes kickoff and worship is followed by a congregational meal in the gym, where we will recognize nine exemplary first responders. Don't forget Cookies for First Responders is also that day. Email Jennifer Seigler at jseigler@gmail.com to bake, take, or bake & take cookies! Drop off cookies in the CLC lobby.

EASTMINSTER CHILDREN'S AFTERNOON MUSIC PROGRAM (ECAMP) returns Sept. 12, (5-6:30 pm)! "Jesus and Me" (JAM) is for K4-1st grade in the sanctuary; Treblemakers (previously Jr. Choir), for 2nd-5th grade, will meet in the adult choir room in the sanctuary basement. Register soon via Quick Links.

SUNDAYS@5 BOOK STUDY LED BY DR. DOUGLASS KEY (Sept. 12): *Growing With: Every Parent's Guide to Helping Teenagers and Young Adults Thrive in Their Faith, Family, and Future.* Written by the same research team that brought us *Sticky Faith* (the Fuller Youth Institute), this is an excellent exploration of how we raise healthy, happy, faithful young people. Contact Janice Blair with questions at jblair@eastminsterpres.org.

EPW SUNDAYS@5 BIBLE STUDY ON GALATIANS BEGINS Sept. 12. Join us in the Christian Education building, room 353, for a six-week study led by Dr. Lynn Grandsire. We will discuss the problems that arose in the early Christian churches after the crucifixion and learn about one of the most essential elements in Paul's conception of Christianity. Sign up via Quick Links.

SMALL GROUPS PROVIDE TRUE CONNECTION! The Small Groups Kickoff Dinner is Wednesday, Sept. 15, 5:15-7 pm, in Thompson Hall (RSVP via Quick Links). This event is open to all current SG members, as well as those interested in joining a new group. Contact Caroline Bennett at cbennett@eastminsterpres.org or 256-1654, ext. 124 with questions. Want to join a SG? Go to www.eastminsterpres.org and fill out the "SGs Interest Form" on Quick Links.

THE ALPHA COURSE IS BACK, BEGINNING SEPT. 22! This is a 9-week series with a weekend retreat. This course is for seekers, new believers, and those looking for answers to many of life's questions. Join Pastor Brian Marsh and Laura Long through Nov. 17, 5:30-7:30PM (dinner and childcare). All meals and materials—\$50. Register at Quick Links. Go to www.eastminsterpres.org.

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