

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. Brian J. Marsh

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

from Psalm 95

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: **Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

People: **Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

All: **O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

HYMN OF ADORATION #25O Lord, Our God, How Excellent*

WINCHESTER OLD

1. **Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name. Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing your fame.**
2. **The heavens shout your handiwork, we stand beneath in awe, to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.**
3. **Yet you have made us less than gods, surpassing all but you, with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true.**
4. **Into our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place we're called to probe for secret gifts and venture into space.**
5. **Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name, majestic in your holiness. We sing and praise your fame.**

***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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charles Luther Cobb (11:15 am)

BAPTISMAL HYMN #486 (verses 1 & 4)*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

1. **Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign, with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**
4. **Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call. Grow to laugh and sing and worship; trust and love God more than all.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, You know us. You know our most awesome joys and our greatest sorrows. You know our longings and our fears. Oh Lord, You know our hearts and our minds and all those ways we stray from You. Help us this day to be honest with You about our struggles with sin and our contribution to the brokenness we see all around us. Help us to be slow to judge others and quick to ask for your forgiveness. Help humble our hearts and give clarity to our minds so that we may confess our sins to You now as we silently pray...

SILENT PRAYER**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.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND TIME OF OFFERING

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 pulpit in the front of the Sanctuary.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM*Joined Together As One Body*

James & Marilyn Biery

Joined together as one body, Knit together, we are one. We the Church, God's chosen body, Live our faith in Christ the Son. We are called to be disciples! We are called to live in love! Bring your hearts and minds, disciples, Dedicate your lives to love. Joined together by the Spirit, Ev'ry person brings a gift. Ev'ry life is full of merit; Hearts of gratitude we lift. We are called to be the faithful! We are called to live in love! Such an honor to be faithful, full of life and full of love. Joined together, all embracing, Yet our sep'rate selves we bring; On our hearts our God is tracing Words of love that make us sing. We are called to be God's servants! We are called to live in love! Such an honor to be servants, Ever faithful in God's love. Joined together as one body, Knit together, we are one. Still, each person in Christ's body will remain a sep'rate one. We are called to be God's people! We are called to live in love! Always longing, as God's people, For God's gracious, healing love.

OFFICER'S PRAYER

LeeAnn Harris

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Unison Reading: Proverbs 24:23-25

Scripture Focus: James 2:1-10

Pastor: The Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Brian J. Marsh

"Live Consistently"

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #438**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

1. **Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.**
2. **Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands. Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.**
3. **Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior or I die.**
4. **While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.**

***CHARGE**

***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

***A TIME FOR GREETING AND FELLOWSHIP**

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.

DURING THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Charles Luther Cobb, son of Charles and Lindsay Cobb, will receive the sacrament of baptism during this morning's 11:15 am worship service. Paul Eaddy will give the baptismal prayer.

September 12, 2021

Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM EPC'S COVID-19 MEDICAL ADVISORY TEAM: Please wear your masks while indoors at Eastminster. Visit Quick Links to watch the "Physician Session COVID Comments" video and to read a letter from Sara Lynn Curtis, Clerk of Session. Forget your mask? Visit the Welcome Center. Thank you for your cooperation as we exercise extreme caution in the name of safety for our church family.

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.

JOIN US FOR INTERGENERATIONAL BRUNCH AT 10 AM in the Courtyard. Sunday School classes will not meet.

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 learn more about mental and emotional well-being from area professionals this fall as the conversations continue during 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 (Please RSVP) in the gym, where we will recognize nine exemplary first responders. Don't forget Cookies for First Responders that day. Email Jennifer Seigler at jseigler@gmail.com to bake, take, or bake and 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 sanctuary basement. Register soon via Quick Links.

SUNDAYS@5 BEGIN SEPT. 12—SIGN UP VIA QUICK LINKS: book study with Dr. Douglass Key: *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. **EPW SUNDAYS@5 BIBLE STUDY ON GALATIANS.** Join us in 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.

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 Small Group members, as well as those interested in joining a new group. Questions? Contact Caroline Bennett at 256-1654, ext. 124 or cbennett@eastminsterpres.org.

WE@EPC CLASSES BEGIN SEPT. 22—SIGN UP VIA QUICK LINKS: the Alpha Course is back! This is a nine-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. **BIBLE STUDY ON NEHEMIAH FROM 6:15-7:30 (RM 357).** Led by Dr. Douglass Key, we will learn about rebuilding, in the face of great odds and the people of Jerusalem's renewal of faith, their overcoming of national shame and the reforming of their conduct. **RESURRECTION HOPE—SIX-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT.** Join us in Room 258 from 6-7:30 p.m. for healing and comfort after a loss. Contact Dr. Lynn Grandsire for info.

Traditional service

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 5, 2021

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God by Karen and Ted Barnes and in celebration of the baptism of their grandson Luke Cobb.