

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

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come together as one, united in our common loyalty to Jesus Christ.

People: **We come to worship and praise the God who calls us here.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another and to God's world,

All: **Just as Christ has opened his heart to us.**

***HYMN OF ADORATION #388**

Come All You People

UYAI MOSE

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Rev. Dr. Douglass D. Key (9 am)

Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Grandsire (11:15 am)

***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 FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Lord, as we gather around this wonderful meal everywhere and in every place; bless us all your children. As we prepare to eat this bread and drink this cup linking arms around the world, pour your grace into us all.

May we see in each other your light, your love and you.

May it not matter our differences, our names, our languages, our looks, and our way of doing things, but help us remember that we are one in you.

May you bring comfort to those who are grieving, lonely, heartbroken, ill or broken of spirit.

May you bring the human touch of love to those who have not been touched.

May you shine your light into those whose world is covered in darkness.

May you use us to feed the hungry, clothe the ones who need clothes, and shelter the homeless.

May lives be awakened to you, Lord, to your love and to your kingdom whose door is always open to all.

(Adapted from “A Place for Prayer” by Rev. Abi)

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 #578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORE' PORIAJU' VEREKO'

1. **O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.**
2. **O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy. Have mercy on us.**

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

Come Before the Table

Karen Marrolli

OFFICER'S PRAYER

Liz Agee

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Reading: Nehemiah 3:10-12 (Pastor only)
Second Reading: Nehemiah 4:1-3, 6 (**Unison**)

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Pastor: The Word of the Lord!
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

"When People Have a Mind to Work...Together"

HYMN OF PREPARATION #511 (verses 1 & 4)

Come, Behold the Feast of Heaven

LLANFAIR

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 HYMN #769 (verses 1, 3, 5)

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

***HYMN OF DEDICATION #332 (vs 1-3)**

The Right Hand of God

LA MANO DE DIOS

***CHARGE**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION #332 (vs 4)**

The Right Hand of God

LA MANO DE DIOS

The right hand of God is healing in our land, healing broken bodies, minds, and souls; so wondrous is its touch with love that means so much when we're healed by the right hand of God.

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.

Oct. 10, 2021

Rev. Dr. Bradley D. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. Each year on the first Sunday in October we celebrate Communion with our Christian family around the world.

THANK YOU TO MATTHEW JONES, PERCUSSIONIST, for sharing his talents with us in worship today.

PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR WELCOME AREAS and online. Please take one home so you can pray for those listed during October.

TODAY IS CROSKEYS ROYALL'S ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION. Come as you are and bring your chairs to the Field at 4:30 pm for a short service, followed by fellowship and fun. There will be food trucks, free ice cream and inflatables for the kids. Please park on Trenholm Road, unless you are mobility-challenged. There is no regular Sunday evening programming tonight. Classes, youth groups and children's choir will resume next week.

CALM CLASS MEETS EACH MONDAY AT 7 PM IN THE Multipurpose Room (3rd floor Christian Life Center). Pastor Nick Demuyck leads our sessions. This coed class is ideal for young adults in their 20s & 30s. Join us tomorrow night. For more info, contact Janice Blair (ext. 168).

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY MEETS ALTERNATING TUESDAYS. All students are welcome and please bring friends. We meet in the Multipurpose Room (3rd floor Christian Life Center) at 7 p.m. Pastor Nick leads this group. (Next meetings: Oct. 12 & Oct. 26.)

NEHEMIAH STUDY WED PM 6:15-7:30 (RM 357) OR *ZOOM. Led by Dr. Douglass Key, learn about rebuilding in the face of great odds and the people of Jerusalem's renewal of faith. Sign up via Quick Links. *Contact Janice Blair for ZOOM info (jblair@eastminsterpres.org). We'll meet thru Nov. 17.

RESURRECTION HOPE—EIGHT-WEEK GRIEF SUPPORT. You can still join one of the groups. Contact Dr. Lynn Grandsire (ext. 163) We meet in Room 258 from 6-7:30 p.m. for healing and comfort after a loss.

JOIN US TUESDAY, OCT. 12, FOR A CONCERT IN THE FIELD! You will be able to make a reservation via Quick Links for Regina's drive-thru meal of chicken tenders, fried potato wedges, coleslaw and cookies. The meal will be served from 5:30-6PM; the concert begins at 6:15 pm. Mark your calendars for a great evening of music (Jubilee Singers + guest artists) and fellowship.

DONATIONS FOR EPWORTH DUE TO CHURCH BINS BY NOV. 5. Join CHAMPS, EDS & EPC Youth in collecting items for Foster Care First Night Bags and Welcome Baskets for our neighbors at Epworth Children's Home. Go to Quick Links to make donation selections. Contact Rebekah Gaston with questions (ext. 141).

OUR FIRST WOMEN'S RETREAT, "THE VINE," IS FEB. 4-6, at The Cove near Asheville, NC. You can now reserve your spot via Quick Links! Hurry, space is limited.

VASES OF CARE HAS FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS on Mondays. Stop by the Church Office and pick one up for someone in need.

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the Glory of God by an Eastminster family.