

# The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 19, 2020



## Preparation

“They met Him again after they had seen Him killed. And then, after they had been formed into a little society or community, they found God was no longer just an outside force; God was somehow within them as well, directing them, making them able to do things they could not do before.”  
--C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

**Prelude**                      *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*                      [Michael Burkhardt]

## Greeting

### Prayer of Adoration

O God, we thank You for this earth, our home; For the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds, for trees and the common grass underfoot. We thank You for our senses by which we hear the song of birds, and see the splendor of summer fields; By which we see taste the autumn fruits, Rejoice in the feel of winter’s snow, And smell the breath of spring.

Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty. Save our souls from being so blind that we pass by unseeing, when even the common thorn bush is aflame with Your glory. Amen.

### Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, by Your power Christ is raised from death to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not believed in him, and too often fall into doubt and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every power to hurt or destroy, when Your promised kingdom comes.

*(silent prayers)*

Lord Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

**Have mercy upon us.**

Christ Jesus, You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

**Receive our prayer.**

Glory to God in the highest, **and peace to God’s people on earth. Amen.**

## The Promise of the Gospel

**Sacred Song**                      *Now the Green Blade Rises*                      [Nöel Nouvelet]

**Scripture Lesson**                      Luke 24:13-25, 27

**Sermon**                      “*Stay with Us, Lord*”                      Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson

**Offering**

**Musical Offertory**      *This Joyful Eastertide*      [Vruechten; arr. David Schack]

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**      “...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...”

**Benediction**

**Postlude**      *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing*      [Burhardt]