

# The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 10, 2020



## Preparation

*Father of fire, Mother of mystery  
Teach me the lesson of spring  
As all creation comes alive—  
Tree and bush, flower and plant—  
In the alleluia richness  
Of the resurrection of creation.  
Grant me the gift, O God,  
To do the same.*

Edward Hays

## Prelude

*Partita on "For the Beauty of the Earth"*  
Dennis Janzer

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## Greeting

## Minute for Transition Update

Emily Conroy-Krutz

## Call to Worship:

One: The Spirit of God moves among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.

All: The Spirit moves within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.

One: The Spirit moves through us, making us channels of God's love.

All: As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living god made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

Dear God,

Creator of the heavens and Maker of each small thing. This season unfolds with growing green and bursting blossoms, with relationships which nurture and challenge, with missions accomplished and justice to be done. Each day is a gift, and yet many times we do not see this. Too often we scurry without gratitude, delight, or sense of purpose. Call us, O God, out of a sense of scarcity and into the abundance of life lived in love. Move us toward you and one another.

*(silent prayers)*

Amen.

## The Promise of the Gospel

## Children's Lesson

Sue Schnackenberg

## Hymn #14

*For the Beauty of the Earth* (vs.1-4)

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## Scripture Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

**Sermon**

“Living Sanctuaries”  
Rev. Alice Fleming Townley

**Affirmation of Faith**

As members of The Presbyterian Church of Okemos,  
We believe that in life and in death – in life beyond death – we belong to God.  
The Church exists to invite everyone to join the lifelong journey of faith  
that is life in Jesus Christ.  
Through worship that glorifies God, study that seeks to understand God,  
And service to a world that needs God,  
We desire to build a network of caring relationships  
between families, friends, and strangers by offering  
welcome, healing, justice, and peace to all, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**The Offering**

Sentences  
Offertory

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Emma Lou Diemer

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

“...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...”

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past* [St. Ann]

Charles Callahan

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