

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

7th Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020

Ascension of the Lord

Family Camp Sunday



Preparation

*Jesus,
our dead and living friend,
We walk the ways of death and life
Holding fear in one hand
And courage in the other.
Come find us when we are locked away.
Come enliven us.
Come bless us with your peace.
Because you are the first day of creation
And all days of creation. Amen --Padraig O Tuama*

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

Charles Callahan

Greeting

Minute for Interim Search Committee

Emily Conroy-Krutz

Call to Worship:

The Locke Family

One: The morning light has broken through the darkness of the night once again.

All: In such a manner God's light and word breaks into our lives.

One: God's light shines on us and reveals all that is within us, and within all of God's creation.

All: In this day we delight in praising the God. Praise God for this new day.

Prayer of Confession

The Locke Family

**Eternal God, maker of the skies above,
Lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth,
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,
In earth, sea and sky, You are there.
O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls,
In everything we touch, in everyone we meet,
Your presence is around us, and we give You thanks.
But when we have not touched but trampled You in creation,
when we have not met but missed You in one another,
When we have not received but rejected You in the poor,
Forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.**

(Silent prayers)

The Promise of the Gospel

One: Hear now the words of Jesus for all who are truly sorry and seek to renew their lives: Our sins are forgiven. Go in peace.

May we live together as forgiven people until heaven and earth rejoice and the whole earth cries Glory!

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Lesson

Sue Schnackenberg

Hymn #664

Morning Has Broken (3vs.)

[Bunessan]

Scripture Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

Sermon

"Uncertain and Certain"
Rev. Alice Fleming Townley

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating ,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

The Offering

Sentences

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

"...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

Hymn

Give Me Oil In My Lamp

Benediction

Postlude #472

Kum ba Yah (4vs.)

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