

# The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

**June 28, 2020**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Pentecost



## Preparation

*Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking;  
If you hear my voice and open the door,  
I will come in to you and eat with you,  
And you with me.*

–Revelation 3:20

## Prelude

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

American Spiritual  
Arr. Dale Wood

## Greeting

### Call to Worship:

One: Gather us in,  
The lost and the lonely,  
The broken and the breaking,  
The tired and the aching  
Who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

All: **Gather us in,  
The bright and the bustling  
The stirrers, the shakers,  
The kind laughter makers  
Who long for the deeper joys  
Found at your feast.**

One: Gather us in,  
From the corner or limelight,  
From mansion or campsite,  
From fears and obsession,  
From tears and depression,  
From untold excesses,  
From treasured successes.

All: **To meet, to eat,  
Be given a seat,  
Be joined to the vine  
Be offered new wine  
Become like the least,  
Be found at the feast.  
Gather us in!<sup>i</sup>**

### Prayer of Confession:

One: We gather in Christ's name.

All: **We claim the promises of Christ: grace, and peace, and mercy, and abundant life with God.**

One: So let us confess our sin before Almighty God, and then start this day as people who are forgiven and freed to serve God and neighbor. Let us pray together:

All: **O Blessed Presence, you are forever faithful even when we wander. You linger lovingly no matter how inattentive we may be. Help us to hear and respond to the movement of your**

**Holy Spirit. Turn our hearts toward your love again and again and again. We open the door of our hearts to you.**

*(Silent prayers of confession)*

One: We open the door of our hearts to you. Amen

## **The Promise of the Gospel**

### **Special Music**

*This is My Father's World*  
Bell Choir Ensemble: Maltbie Babcock  
[arr. Susan Geschke]  
Jeff Conroy-Krutz, Kathi Cook,  
Linda Cravotta, Lou Cravotta, Michael Moore, Ewen Todd

### **Children's Lesson**

Sue Schnackenberg

### **Scripture Lesson**

Luke 11: 5-13

*So, I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you;  
Search, and you will find;  
Knock, and the door will be opened for you. --Luke 11:9*

### **Sermon**

*Knocking on the Door*  
Rev. Alice Fleming Townley

### **Hymn #728**

*Somebody's Knocking at Your Door* v. 1-3 [Somebody's Knockin']

### **The Offering**

Rev. Sharlyn Gates

### **Communion**

*Please have bread and juice, or some other type of liquid, prepared so that we can partake of communion together.*

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

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

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer

### **Hymn #175**

*Seek Ye First, v 1-3* [Rafferty]

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Rigaudon*  
Andre Campra  
Arr. Diane Bish

Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Sharlyn Gates

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*Irene Shutt, Handbell Choir Director*  
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<sup>i</sup> 80, "Liturgy for Holy Communion A," *A Wee Worship Book*, Wild Goose Worship Group, Fourth Incarnation. GIA Publications, Chicago.