

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

July 5, 2020

5th Sunday after Pentecost



Preparation

*Take the time to pray--
It is the sweet oil that eases the hinge in to the garden
so the doorway can swing open easily.*

You can always go there -Lynn Park

Prelude

God of Our Fathers

George William Warren
Setting: Emma Lou Diemer

Greeting

Call to Worship:

One: On this new morning and in every moment of our lives,
Gracious God.

All: **From generation to generation,
We praise your holy name.**

One: Like our ancestors before us,
We proclaim your greatness to our children.

All: **For we have seen your deeds of power
And witnessed your goodness in our lives.**

One: As you have opened your hand to all,
Satisfying the desire of every living thing.

All: **Open our hearts so that we might share
The gifts we have received from you.
Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!**

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: **Oh Holy One, grant us the honor to engage in the eternal conversation among the Holy Trinity. Guide us in your ways. Forgive us for our confusion and discord and for failing to do what needs to be done. Let nothing be between You and us, as Your people on earth.**

(Silent prayers of confession)

One: We seek you, oh Lord, behind every door. Amen

Promise of the Gospel

Hymn #756

O God of Every Nation, vs. 1-4

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Children's Lesson

Sue Schnackenberg

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 7:7-12
Ask and will be given you-Matthew 7:7

Sermon

Oiling the Hinges
Rev. Rick Gierman

Special Music

The Church’s One Foundation
Adam Epler
Samuel S. Wesley

The Offering

Prayers of the People

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

Hymn #451 *Open My Eyes That I May See* (vs. 1-3) [Open My Eyes]

Benediction

Postlude The Rejoicing
(Music for the Royal Fireworks) George Frederic Handel
Arr. A. Christopherson

Guest Preacher: Rick Gierman
Liturgists: Jacob Gierman and Allie Otberg

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