

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

September 27, 2020

17th Sunday after Pentecost



Preparation “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” (Mtt 28: 18-19).

Prelude

Adagio from the Overture to the Occasional Oratorio

George Frederic Handel

Greeting and Announcements of the Church

Call to Worship:

One: Come to hear the Word.

All: **Come to do the Word.**

One: Come to experience Comfort.

All: **Come to experience Challenge.**

One: Come to find Cost.

All: **Come to find Joy.**

One: Come to find Humanity.

All: **Come to find Community.**

One: Come to find Church. Come to find God.

All: **Let us worship God together!**

Prayer of Confession:

One: All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better, and then just go on living the same way we always have. Let this be the moment, when we tell our God of our failures and faithlessness, so we can go forth to work in that kingdom of grace and hope. Join me as we pray:

All: **We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory,
but people find only hardened hearts.
We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride
prevents us from bending a knee to you.
We long to stand with those who are in need,
but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment.
Forgive us, God who came down to us.
Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost.
Split open our frozen hearts,
that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting.
Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit,
that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Savior, into your reign of grace and hope.**

(Silent prayers of confession)

Promise of the Gospel

One: This is the good news:

in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished.
You are forgiven, you are made new.

All: We will complete God's joy
by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope,
with everyone we meet.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn #733 We Are All One in Mission, vs. 1-3

Welcome of the Confirmands: Rev. Alice Fleming Townley
Laurel Boldrey, Logan Carlson, Alex Juarez,
Spencer Locke, Lucas Meland, Henry Nawyn-Hellinga
Teachers: Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson and Rick Gierman.

Scripture Lesson Matthew 21: 23-32

Sermon "Living In A Messy World"
Rev. Peggy Casteel-Huston

Special Music Allegro in C Major Mozart
Handbells: Jeff Conroy-Krutz, Kathi & Dave Cook, Arr. Kevin McChesney
Linda & Lou Cravotta, Barb Fretwell-Cooke, Carolyn Sherrill,
Director: Irene Schutt

The Offering

Prayers of the People

Refrain: One: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer "...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

Minute for Mission Global Institute of Lansing Ellen Hoekstra
Communities in Schools – Lansing & Waverly districts

Hymn #432 How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord, vs. 1-4 [Repton]

Benediction Rev. Peggy Huston

Postlude Processional from the Oratorio Judas Maccabeus Handel

Liturgist: Rev. Alice Fleming Townley

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