

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

October 4, 2020

World Communion Sunday



Preparation

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Psalm 19: 7-10*

Prelude

O Bread of Life from Heaven

Jan Bender

Greeting and Announcements of the Church

Bell Introit

Thee We Adore

Arr: Margaret R. Tucker

Bell Ringers: Sally Belloli, Linda & Lou Cravotta
Barb Fretwell-Cooke, Jeff Conroy-Krutz, Sarah Mayhew
Mike Moore, Carolyn Sherrill, Helen Taylor
Director: Irene Schutt

Call to Worship

Sumeer & Zarina Qurashi

One: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

All: God's people called to the Table where simple grace nourishes us.

One: From down the street to across town, from single households to apartment dwellers:

All: God's people are called to community, where we live and serve one another.

One: From every class, every race, every status;

from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

All: God's people are called to witness to God's hope, to offer peace to a shattered world.

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious God, who made covenant with our ancestors,
we gather here today as a rebellious people.

We want to act out your intentions for us,
but we get sidetracked by the false glitter of the world.

You tell us to honor Creation

But we use other people, animals, and plants for our own gain.

You offer bread to every living creature,

and we steal that bread from our brothers and sisters in the name of greed.

You promise us new life,

But we shrink back in fear, clinging to our death-dealing ways.

Heal us, O Lord, lest we destroy ourselves and the planet.

We need your healing presence among us,
That your good intentions for all of creation might be fulfilled at last
Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen. .ⁱ

(Silent prayers of confession)

Promise of the Gospel

Hymn #317 *In Christ There Is No East or West, vs. 1-3* [McKee]
Soloist: Maria Schoon

Children's Lesson Sue Schnackenberg

Scripture Lesson Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Sermon "Table Manners"
Rev. Alice Fleming Townley

Special Music *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*
Soloist: Natalie Sweeney

The Offering
Including the dedication of the Peace and Global Witness Offering

Holy Communion

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

Invitation
Great Thanksgiving
Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Sumeer & Zarina Qurashi

Hymn #516 *For the Bread Which You Have Broken, vs. 1-3* [Kingdom]
Soloist: Maria Schoon

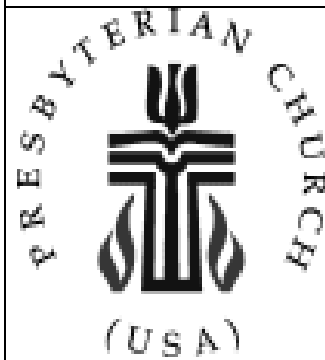
Benediction Rev. Alice Fleming Townley

Response *In Remembrance of Me*
Soloist: Maria Schoon

Postlude *Psalm 19* Benedetto Marcello

Liturgists: Sumeer & Zarina Qurashi

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Maria Schoon, Soloist
Natalie Sweeney, Soloist

ⁱ Katie Holmes and Teresa Stricklen adapted this from "Sacred Spaces and an Abundant Life Worship Spaces as Stewardship," 2010 National Council of Churches' Eco-Justice Program, Earth Day Resource, which, in turn, was adapted from the U.N. Environmental Sabbath, Earth Gospel 120.