

# The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

April 18, 2021

Youth Sunday



**Preparation** “Love is a very special thing. A smile, a tear, a soft summer rain. It has no beginning, it has no end, but I like it best when it’s shared with a friend”

Quote from “Love Is”, author Dottie Rambo

## Prelude

*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Jean Francois Dandrieu

## Greeting and Announcements of the Church

Rev. Peggy Huston

## Call to Worship:

Lucas Meland & Omar Qurashi

One: The world belongs to God.

**All: The earth and all its people.**

One: How good it is, how wonderful to live together as brothers and sisters.

**All: Love and faith come together, justice and peace join hands.**

One: If Christ’s disciples were to keep silent,

**All: the very stones would shout aloud.**

One: Open our lips, O God,

**All: and our mouths shall proclaim Your praise.**

## Prayer of Confession:

Owen Locke, Jake Stokes

Beloved, God does not disappoint those who come in hope, nor does God turn away those who approach in faith. Let us make our confession to God in hope and faith.

One: Create in us a clean heart, O God,

**All: and renew a right spirit within us.**

One: In penitence and faith, let us confess our sins before Almighty God. Let us pray together:

**All: Gracious God: We ask forgiveness, for all have sinned and have fallen short of Your glory.**

**Forgive us for the hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, person from person.**

**Forgive our greed which exploits the labors of human beings and lays waste the earth.**

**For our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, forgive us. For our indifference to the plight of the homeless, the poor, the refugee, for the lust which abuses the bodies of men, women and children; for the pride that leads us to trust in ourselves, and not in You: Lord, we pray for your mercy.**

**Remind us, once more, of our higher calling: to be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other as Christ has forgiven us.**

(silent prayers)

One: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Christ, have mercy upon us**

One: Lord, have mercy upon us

**All: And grant us your peace. Amen**

## **Promise of the Gospel**

It is not to learn God's grace that we act justly; it is because God's great mercy shown in the self-giving of Jesus Christ frees us to be grateful. Filled with radiant gratitude, it becomes impossible for us knowingly to cause God pain. The experience of forgiveness makes our hearts more like God's and more loving toward others. Thanks be to God.

**Hymn #664**

"Morning Has Broken"

Olivia Meland, singer

Accompanied by: Grace Townley and Tasneem Qurashi

## **Children's Sermon**

A VERY BIG PROBLEM

Sophia Juarez

By Amy-Jill Levine & Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and illustrated by Annie Bowler

## **Scripture Lesson**

1 Corinthians 12: 12-20

Alex Juarez

## **Senior Sermons**

Olivia Meland

Tasneem Qurashi

Grace Townley

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Andrew Mayhew

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**Hymn #157**

"I Danced in the Morning"

Olivia Meland, singer

Accompanied by: Grace Townley and Tasneem Qurashi

## **Offering**

Addison and Isabella Beckhorn

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit. God has abundantly blessed us and called us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents, and our material possessions.

Thank you for all the many ways that you support the ministry of this church. We are grateful. To continue to support important ministries such as youth, mission and worship, you may mail a check to the church or give online at the link shown the screen. Thank you so much!

## **Prayers of the People**

One: Lord, on this Youth Sunday we want to share with you the deep concerns of our hearts.

Refrain: One: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

## **Hymn #69**

*I The Lord of Sea and Sky*

Alex Juarez - trumpet

Sophia Juarez - bass clarinet

Andrew Mayhew - euphonium

Olivia Meland - voice

Lucas Meland - trombone

Tasneem Qurashi - viola

Grace Townley - clarinet

## **Benediction**

Rev. Peggy Huston

## **Postlude**

*March*

Johann Josef Fux

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

## **\*Music**

Alex Juarez - trumpet

Sophia Juarez - bass clarinet

Andrew Mayhew - euphonium

Olivia Meland - voice

Lucas Meland - trombone

Tasneem Qurashi - viola

Grace Townley - clarinet

## **YOUTH**

Addison Beckhorn

Isabella Beckhorn

Connor Haskel

Alex Juarez

Sophia Juarez

Owen Locke

Spencer Locke

Omar Qurashi

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## **GRADUATING SENIORS**

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