

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

Sunday, May 30th

Trinity Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend



Preparation *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." – Matthew 3: 16 - 17*

Prelude *Prelude on Nicaea* Healey Willan
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Greetings and Announcements of the Church Rick Gierman

Introit *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
Dr. Connor Koppin, soloist

Call to Worship Keith Camann, Liturgist

One: God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity,
We ask for your presence to enter this space.
We know that in self-giving love,
Your very nature teaches us how to love one another.

**All: Father and Creator,
Son and Redeemer,
Spirit and Advocate,**

One: We call upon you to teach us this hour.
Teach us to pray.
Teach us to love.
Teach us to be one, as you are one.

**All: With all of our divisions we create with our own biases,
From social class to race,
From gender to age,
From ability to different abilities,
We know we still have much to learn.**

One: Gather us in to worship you this day.

Prayer of Confession Keith Camann, Liturgist

Holy and triune God,
You alone live in perfect relationship,

One God in three persons,
Mutual and loving,
Ever seeking reconciliation and unity.
You have called us to live in your completion, yet
We confess that our relationships are imperfect and
We are incomplete without you.
We are selfish and greedy.
We are anxious and resenting.
We feel the shame of our foolish behavior and brokenness.
We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another
And from you.
Forgive us and restore us,
Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy.
May we long for wholeness and peace,
May we strive toward gratitude and grace
In the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ,
By the working power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Promise of the Gospel

Keith Camann, Liturgist

One: How much does God love us?
Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us,
not to condemn us, but to save us.
All: **Not by our speaking or doing,
but by God's good and precious grace are we saved.**
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty, vs. 1-4
[Nicaea]
Dr. Connor Koppin, pianist

Children's Sermon

Zora and Ewen Todd

Scripture Lesson

John 3: 1-17

Rick Gierman

Sermon

"The Apple, The Egg and The Clover"
Rick Gierman

Memorial Day Remembrance and Prayer

Rick Gierman

Lord, today we stop and remember the sacrifice made by those who paid the ultimate price on behalf of our nation. We pray that their sacrifices are never forgotten, nor the pain of their families.

We acknowledge that freedom must always be sought and yes at times fought for. We acknowledge that freedom comes at a cost and pray that we will pursue peace. We pray our efforts will improve the plight of all and that our struggles will not be to privilege a few but rather seek to share your bounties with all souls everywhere.

Today, Holy One, provide meaning in the memories of those who are no longer with us who were part of this congregation or close friends. Provide comfort and healing to their loved ones as we remember:

Delores Berkheimer
Wally McClean
Harriet and Clyde McDaniel
David Hahn
Mary Lou Huddleston
David Layhe
Lowell Ewart
Jack Horstman
Joan Harkness
Nancy Snow
Kent Creswell
Bob & Linda Weisflog
Brian Walker
Richard Stuart

and all the friends and relatives who we have lost this past year.

Let us turn to you, Lord, in our grief. On this Memorial Day, we pray for peace and remember those who gave all. Lead us toward a world where no one must give their lives in pursuit of justice, freedom and acceptance. Amen.

Special Music

The Road Home
Dr. Connor Koppin, soloist

Stephen Paulus

Minute for Mission

Update on Niger
<https://outofthedustandus.blogspot.com/>

Keith Camann, Liturgist

Offering

Keith Camann, Liturgist

Prayers of the People

Keith Camann, Liturgist

Refrain: One

All:

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

Hymn #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, vs. 1-4
[St. Anne]
Dr. Connor Koppin, pianist

Benediction

Rick Gierman

Response

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Dr. Connor Koppin, soloist

Postlude

All Glory Be to God on High
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Andreas Vetter

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