

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
June 27, 2021
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



If you are attending the service in-person,

- Please seat yourself in every other row social distancing from your fellow parishioners.
- Children under 12 must remain with parents or guardians with masks on.
- If you are using the hearing loop system, please alert staff at the audio/visual table in the back of the sanctuary if levels need adjusting.

Preparation *“Prayer is not simply a matter of bending the vector of divine will toward my will, my needs, and my hopes. More profoundly, to ask something of God is to edge into deeper relationship with God.” Rev. Dr. Michael Lindvall, Pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church, N.Y.*

Prelude *Voluntary in A Minor* Maurice Greene
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Greetings and Announcements of the Church Rev. Peggy Huston

Call to Worship Bill Given, Liturgist

One: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones
All: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow
One: Where there was no way
All: God leads us in a new way
One: Where there was no mercy
All: God surprises us with fresh mercy
One: Where there was weeping
All: God invites us to step into a new dance.

Call to Confession Bill Given, Liturgist

One: God calls us in our lives to take a risk,
to be like the woman in the gospel
who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself;
or the father who risks the scorn of others
to bring Jesus to his dying daughter.
Let us ponder for a moment the places in our lives
where we may resist turning to God for healing and change.

Prayer of Confession Bill Given, Liturgist

One: When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow
the freshness of your grace to enter:

All: God have mercy.

One: When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

All: Christ have mercy.

One: When we let fear overwhelm us,
and cling to the security of what we know
instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

All: God have mercy.

Promise of the Gospel

Bill Given, Liturgist

One: God's mercies are fresh every morning.
In Christ God offers forgiving grace
and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope.
Let us give thanks for the mercy of God,
and pass the peace of Christ everywhere we go. Amen

Hymn #796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord, vs.1, 2, 4, 5
[Land of Rest]
Kathi and David Cook, vocals
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Children's Sermon

Rev. Peggy Huston

Scripture Lesson

Mark 5: 21-43

Rev. Peggy Huston

Sermon

"What Does It Mean To Be Healed?"

Rev. Peggy Huston

Affirmation of Faith

Bill Given, Liturgist

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as (God's) reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares (God's) labor of healing the enmities which separate (persons) from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Confession of 1967 9.31

Special Music

Meditation from Thais
Dr. Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, cello
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, piano

Jules Massenet

Offering

Bill Given, Liturgist

Prayers of the People

Bill Given, Liturgist

Refrain: One: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear Our Prayer

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

Hymn #792

There is a Balm in Gilead, vs 1-3.
Kathi and David Cook, vocals
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Benediction

Rev. Peggy Huston

One: Wait for the LORD,

All: I wait with deep longing; and in his word I stand, waiting in hope.

One: Hope in the LORD!

All: For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with the LORD is great power to save.

One: Go into the world with assurance, hope and promise:
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest upon you – and even unsettle you;
the love of God, creator and giver of life, embrace you – and even confront you;
and the presence of the Holy Spirit encourage you – and surprise you,
this day and all your days. **Amen**

Postlude

Bourrée in F Major Georg Philipp Telemann
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Today's altar flowers were given by Robert and Mary Benko in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on June 26th.

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