

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
June 6, 2021
2nd Sunday after Pentecost/Grad Sunday



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Preparation “The church’s place is in exile with other displaced persons practicing the gathering that is the work of the gathering God.”
Walter Brueggemann, Mandate To Difference

Prelude *Partita on “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”* Thomas Canning
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Greeting and Announcements of the Church Rev. Peggy Huston

Call to Worship: Lance Boldrey, Liturgist

One: In the times of trouble,
when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.
All: **And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.**

One: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.
All: **And God found me and brought me home.**

One: When my life was filled with joy and blessing,
I danced and praised God.
All: **And God danced and rejoiced with me.**
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer of Confession: Lance Boldrey, Liturgist
Holy God, you call us like a good parent to you to guide and protect us, to nourish and lead us. You cheer us and invite us to participate in your reign. You move us ever closer into fellowship with you and each other.

Yet like unruly children we strain at your guidance, we try to break away and do it ourselves. We feel our strength and imagine to be all powerful. We rejoice in our life and imagine ourselves to be immortal. We know our talents and want to be independent rather than depend on you. Before we know it, we are in the grip of other powers, leading us away from your loving ways into the slavery of selfish greed, adoring false gods of youth-fulness, materialism and power.

Lord, forgive us and free us. Open our eyes to understand how true leadership is to be in service to you. Open our hearts that we may learn that neither race or tribe, culture or religion are barriers to separate us but that we are all one family in your love. Open our hearts and minds to learn again to live your love as we celebrate and worship you here together.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Promise of the Gospel

Lance Boldrey, Liturgist

One: God provides freely, in the bread of heaven,
all the mercy we need for life everlasting.

All: **The good news is forgiveness in the name of Christ Jesus.**

Hymn #451

Open My Eyes, That I May See, vs. 1-3
Dr. Marlene, Brewbaker, organist

Children's Sermon

"Celebrating Sue" Sue Schnackenburg and Peggy Huston

Scripture Lesson

Mark 3: 20-35

Sermon

"Sometimes You Just Stand"

Affirmation of Faith

Lance Boldrey, Liturgist

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

Special Music

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr: Cathy Moglebust
Handbell Choir
Irene Shutt, directing
Dave & Kathi Cook, Jeff Conroy-Krutz, Linda & Lou Cravotta,
Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, Beth Layhe, Sarah Mayhew,
Mike Moore, Helen Taylor, Ewen Todd

The Offering

Lance Boldrey, Liturgist

Celebration of the Grads:

Rev. Peggy Huston

High School: Olivia Meland, Tasneem Qurashi and Grace Townley

College, University & Tech School: Rob Allen, Rick Gierman, David Hoekstra,
Dr. Connor Koppin, Sarah Layhe, Anne Major and Allie Otberg

Holy Communion

Rev. Peggy Huston

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread
Communion of the People
Prayer
The Lord's Prayer "...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

Hymn #515

I Come with Joy, vs. 1,2,3,5
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Benediction

Rev. Peggy Huston

Postlude

"Fanfare"
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Lani Smith

Today's flowers given in memory of Beth Lake, Kathleen Richardson's late mother-in-law.

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