

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
July 11, 2021
Seventh 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 *Think of the cross as a professor's chair so the sanctuary becomes a classroom with the teacher in place – thought from Augustine's writings*

Prelude

Prelude on "Duke Street"
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

setting: Robert A. Hobby

Greetings and Announcements of the Church

Rev. Peggy Huston

Call to Worship

Kathy Richardson

One: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!
From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.

**All: From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
we gather together, united by God's Spirit,
to celebrate God's glory and proclaim His praise!**

One: Let us worship God together!

Litany (Based on The Lord of the Dance)

Kathy Richardson

One: A litany is a form of supplication or a series of petitions. Today please join me in our litany of prayer.

One: In the beginning.....

All: The dance began to swirl and ponder.

One: In the beginning, all was dark.

All: And the dance cast forth bright light.

One: In the beginning, the earth burst forth with wondrous things,
creatures of all sorts, mountains and hills,
vast seas and rivers, valleys and desert areas.

All: And the Lord of the Dance saw that it was good and blessed it all.

One: In our beginning, God blessed us.

All: And the dance went on,

through our lives, into all that we have done.
 One: Sometimes the dance was slow and plodding;
 at other times it was sprightly and fast.
 All: **Yet in the midst of it all,
 the Lord of the Dance is with us.**
 One: This dance, called life, is everywhere—
 in the light and in the dark.
 It is in places of hope and in places of deepest sorrow and tragedy.
 All: **How shall we dance our dance for God?**
 One: We shall live lives of hope and peace,
 bringing the good news of Jesus Christ
 and all that he taught to us,
 so that others may join the dance.
 All: **Praise be to the Lord of the Dance,
 the Lord of Creation, the Lord of Life! Amen.**

Written by Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters

Hymn #846

Fight the Good Fight, vs.1-4
 [Duke Street]
 Terri Grady, vocals
 Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Children's Sermon

Rev. Peggy Huston

Scripture Lessons

2 Peter 1: 2-4
 Luke 12: 22-31

Rev. Peggy Huston

Sermon

Sermon on Verbs

Rev. Peggy Huston

Affirmation of Faith

Kathy Richardson

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

The Apostle's Creed

Special Music

The Lord's Prayer
 Terri Grady, vocals
 Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Albert Hay Malotte

Offering

Rev. Peggy Huston

Prayers of the People

Kathy Richardson

Refrain: One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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

Hymn #848

Trust in God, vs.1-3

[Song 13]

Terri Grady, vocals

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Benediction

Rev. Peggy Huston

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Henry Purcell

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

Ushers: *Brett & Lynn Cone*

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