

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
July 25, 2021
Ninth 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.
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Preparation *“Fools say in their hearts, there is no God” Psalm 14:1a*

Prelude

Variations on Azmon
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Robert Hobby

Greetings and Announcements of the Church

Rev. Peggy Huston

Call to Worship

Linda Cravotta, Liturgist

One: The foolish say, "There is no God!
We are alone, on our own."

**All: We gather to declare
the glory of God in our lives.**

One: The foolish say, "It is your life;
you are accountable to no one."

**All: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit,
trusting that Christ dwells in our hearts.**

One: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine;
I owe nothing to anyone."

**All: We gather to praise the One
who calls us to serve others in love.**

Litany (Affirmation of Unity)

Linda Cravotta, Liturgist

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

One: We share one faith,
have one calling,
are of one soul and one mind;
have one God and Father,
are filled with one Spirit,
are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup,
confess one Name,
are obedient to one Lord,
work for one cause,
and share one hope.

All: Together we come to know
the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ;
are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;
know and bear one another's burdens,
thereby fulfilling the law of Christ
that we need one another and up build one another,
admonishing and comforting one another;
that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.
Together we pray; together we serve God in this world. Amen

Hymn #372

O for a World, vs. 1-5
[Azmon]
Colleen Chester, vocalist
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Children's Sermon

Rev. Peggy Huston

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 14

Linda Cravotta, Liturgist

Second Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 11: 1-5; 14-17

Sermon

"Irreparable Damage"

Rev. Peggy Huston

Affirmation of Faith

Linda Cravotta, Liturgist

With the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we trust in God, and in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to the service of others, to seek justice and live in peace. We long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done. Amen

(From the Iona Community in continued honor of Rev. John Duley)

Minute for Mission

Sunday School

Linda Cravotta, Liturgist

Special Music

On Eagle's Wings

arr: Jeffrey Honoré

PCO Handbell Choir

Irene Shutt, director

Bell Ringers: Jeff Conroy-Krutz, Dave & Kathi Cook

Linda & Lou Cravotta, Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, Beth Layhe

Sarah Mayhew, Mike Moore, Helen Taylor, Ewen Todd

Offering

Rev. Peggy Huston

Prayers of the People

Rev. Peggy Huston

Refrain: One: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

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

Hymn #774

There is Now a New Creation, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

[Stuttgart]

Colleen Chester, vocalist

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Benediction

Rev. Peggy Huston

Postlude

Fugue in C

G.F. Handel

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

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