

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
August 8, 2021
Eleventh 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 *“A soul unoccupied by a positive devotion is sure to be occupied by spiritual demons.”*
The Manhood of the Master, Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick

Prelude *Trio #1 in D Minor, Opus 49* Mendelssohn
[Andante con moto tranquillo]
Gaile Giffore, flute
Connie Detjen, piano
Dr. Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, cello

Greetings and Announcements of the Church Rev. Peggy Huston

Call to Worship Kathy Richardson, Liturgist

One: All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God’s creative power!

All: Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.

One: God has given to us laws by which to live together in harmony and peace.

**All: In these commandments,
God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.**

One: Rejoice in the goodness of God.

All: Praise God for God’s complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.

Litany (Affirmation of Unity) Kathy Richardson, Liturgist

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

**All: Holy One, Creator of the stars and seas,
your steadfast love is shown to every living thing:
your word calls forth countless worlds and souls;
your law revives and refreshes.
Forgive our misuse of your gifts,
that we may be transformed by your wisdom
to manifest for others the mercy of our crucified and risen Lord. Amen.**

Hymn #644

Give Thanks, O Christian People, vs. 1-4
[Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein]
Jack Bertrand, vocalist
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Children's Sermon

Rev. Peggy Huston

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 19: 7-14

Kathy Richardson, Liturgist

Second Scripture Readings

Mark 8: 27b-29 and Mark 9: 38-41

Sermon

"Who Is Influencing you?"

Rev. Peggy Huston

Affirmation of Faith

Kathy Richardson, 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 Ghost, 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 Ghost; 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

Trio #1 in B-flat Major, Opus 99
[Andante un poco mosso]
Gaile Giffore, flute
Connie Detjen, piano
Dr. Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, cello

Franz Schubert

Offering

Kathy Richardson, Liturgist

Prayers of the People

Kathy Richardson, 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 #306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5
[Dennis]
Jack Bertrand, vocalist
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Benediction

Rev. Peggy Huston

Postlude

Psalm 19

Marcello

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Ushers: Brett & Lynne Cone

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