

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
August 22, 2021
Thirteenth 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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Prelude

Pavane

Gabriel Fauré

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Greetings and Announcements of the Church

Rev. Peggy Huston

Call to Worship

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

One: God, in my distress I go round in circles,
and my mouth feels bitter with bile.

**All: I can't get my worries out of my head,
my soul seems as heavy as lead.**

One: Now is the time for me to focus on you,
to have hope and be positive.

**All: For your love is never in debt
and your grace knows no limit.**

One: Your mercies are new each morning,
so wonderful is your faithfulness.

**All: "God is my fortune," is my song,
therefore, my hope is forever young.**

One: God is good to those who wait patiently,
and blesses the soul who seeks sincerely.

**All: There is nothing better than to wait quietly
and bask in the salvation of God, faithfully.**

Prayer of Confession (Based on Lamentations 1)

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

With the weepers we weep.

With the warriors we yearn for peace.

**With the exiles we wander far from home,
for our hearts wander far from you.**

We live in an uncertain world—

time and again we turn to people who promise us security.

But God, you are our only source of safety.

**Help us turn to you,
our heart's true home.**

**Call us again and lead us home.
Author of peace,
teach us to seek our peace in you.**

**Source of every blessing,
give us strength and courage.
Rekindle a spirit of love and self-discipline within us,
through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.
*(silent prayers of confession)***

Promise of the Gospel

One: Our Savior Jesus Christ abolished death
and brought life and immortality to light.
By the grace of the Eternal One,
we are forgiven in the power of the Holy Spirit
living within us. Amen

Hymn #42

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, is Sure, vs. 1-4

[Winchester New]

Colleen Chester, vocalist

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Children's Sermon

Rev. Peggy Huston

First Scripture Lesson

Exodus 34: 1-6, 10

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

Second Scripture Readings

Lamentations 3: 1-9, 19-24

Sermon

"Remembering the Bad Ol' Days"

Rev. Peggy Huston

Affirmation of Faith

Mary Schuring, 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

Minute for Mission

Sunday School

David Cook

Special Music

Pie Jesu from Requiem
Colleen Chester, vocalist
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Gabriel Fauré

Latin

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis réquiem
Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis réquiem sempiternam

English

Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest
Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest

Offering

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

Prayers of the People

Mary Schuring, 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 #39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness, vs. 1-3
Colleen Chester, vocalist
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Benediction

Rev. Peggy Huston

One: As we go from here to face the joys and challenges of the coming week,
remember this:

The faithful love of God never ceases; it is inexhaustible!
God's mercy and compassion is new every morning!

All: Great is Your faithfulness, O God!

One: So, go into the week ahead with courage, and with joy.
Trust in God and wait patiently for Him to act.

**All: For God is good to all who seek the Lord
and God's loving presence goes with us.**

Postlude

Postlude in G
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Henry Kihlken

Ushers: *Keith Camann and Deb Major*

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