

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
August 29, 2021
Fourteenth 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 *'The Psalms, with few exceptions, are not the Voice of God addressing us . . . rather, the voice of our own common humanity . . . speaking about life the way it really is.'* Walter Brueggemann, Praying The Psalms.

Prelude *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* based on *Lauda Anima* Rick Deasley
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Greetings and Announcements of the Church Rev. Peggy Huston

Call to Worship Barbara Given, Liturgist

One: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

All: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

One: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

All: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all gifts from God.

One: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

All: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

Prayer of Confession Barbara Given, Liturgist

One: Rushed by the busyness of life, weary from the stress of everyday, we take these moments to catch our breath and to sit in God's presence. Let us come to God, knowing that the One who listens to our words, is the One who has given us the Word of grace and mercy.

All: Everlasting God, we know how easy it is to forget your presence and power in our lives. Focused on our daily planners, we do not always pay attention to the night sky and the stars that glitter. Surrounded by the sounds of anger, violence, and hate, these sounds sometimes beat so loudly that we have trouble listening to your whispers of hope and grace. Thinking that Scripture is literal, we often miss your truth which can change lives.

Forgive us. Lift us to our feet so we may walk with you; fill us with your strength so we may serve your people; touch us with your healing so we may proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

(silent prayers of confession)

Promise of the Gospel

One: The Good News is this:
God never tires out, God is always with us,
God heals us with mercy, God strengthens us for service.

**All: The One who numbers the stars knows each of us by name.
Thanks be to God that we are sustained by God's grace. Amen.**

Hymn #620

Praise My Soul the King of Heaven, vs. 1-4

[Laud Anima]

Psalm 103

Colleen Chester, vocalist

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Children's Sermon

Rev. Peggy Huston

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 103

Barbara Given, Liturgist

Second Scripture Readings

Psalm 109

Sermon

"Understanding the Psalms"

Rev. Peggy Huston

Affirmation of Faith

Barbara Given, 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

Cass Tool Library

Ellen Hoekstra

Special Music

Bruyeres

C. Debussy

Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

Offering

Barbara Given, Liturgist

Prayers of the People

Barbara Given, 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 #35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty, vs. 1-3

[Lobe Den Herren]

Psalm 150 & Psalm 103: 1 -6

Colleen Chester, vocalist

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Benediction

Rev. Peggy Huston

Postlude

A Trumpeting

Dale Wood

[Psalm 150]

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Ushers: Morrie & Barb Hoevel

Flowers: An anonymous donation in remembrance of a special person

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