

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**September 5, 2021**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Labor Day**



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*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** We do well if we really fulfill the royal law according to scripture which says, “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” James 2:8

**Prelude**

*Intermezzo Op. 118 No. 2*  
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

J. Brahms

**Greeting and Announcements of the Church**

Loaves and Fishes

Rev. Peggy Huston  
Barbara Dorr

**Call to Worship:**

Emily & Lizzie Conroy Krutz, Liturgists

One: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

**All: and so we mix our worship and our work,  
our faith and our life.**

One: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

**All: we gather as people who have been called to see the world  
from a different viewpoint.**

One: God has called us together,

God has called us to be part of a community.

**All: God challenges us to consider questions of priority  
as we engage with the world.**

One: In this time together,

**All: may God open our hearts, minds and eyes,**

One: allowing us to see deeper,

helping us to live in the world

while still offering a challenge to the ways of the world.

**All: We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Confession:**

Emily & Lizzie Conroy Krutz, Liturgists

**One:** On this Labor Day Sunday let us lift up all people who labor,  
either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school,  
at home or in the workplace, here at home and all around the world.

**All:** **Creator God, help us to be your people,  
working for a world where all workers are valued.  
A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in.  
A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill.  
and one where those who serve and care for others –  
in stores, schools, hotels, restaurants, nursing homes, and many other places –  
are, themselves, also served and cared for.  
A world where all workers everywhere  
share in the abundance that you have given us.**

*(Silent prayers of confession)*

## **Promise of the Gospel**

Emily & Lizzie Conroy Krutz, Liturgists

**One:** Our God is a God of grace and transformation.  
When we ask, God gives us the courage and strength  
to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace,  
as well as in the sanctuary.

**All:** **The good news is God's transforming grace in the name of Christ Jesus.**

## **Hymn #515**

*I Come With Joy*, vs. 1-3,5  
Colleen Chester, vocalist  
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

## **Children's Sermon**

Rev. Peggy Huston

## **Minute for Mission**

"Afghanistan"

Judi Harris

## **Scripture Lesson**

Mark 7: 24-30

## **Sermon**

"Boundary Breakers"

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Emily & Lizzie Conroy Krutz, 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 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**

## Special Music

*How Can I Keep From Singing?*  
Colleen Chester, vocalist  
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

arr. Christopher Ruck

## The Offering

Emily & Lizzie Conroy Krutz, Liturgists

## Holy Communion

Rev. Peggy Huston and Emily Conroy Krutz, Liturgist

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer

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

## Hymn #516

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*, vs. 1-4  
Colleen Chester, vocalist  
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

## Benediction

Rev. Peggy Huston

## Postlude

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*  
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

arr. Jack Schrader

Ushers: *Keith Camann, Doug & Jane Paterson, Tom Schaberg*

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