The Presbyterian Church of Okemos Sunday, September 26, 2021 Eighteenth 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 "Churches that do the best are those that know their purpose, and are based on programming and process, not personality." Rev. Peggy Casteel-Huston

Prelude Voluntary in A Minor Maurice Green

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Greetings and Announcements of the Church

Rev. Peggy Huston

Call to Worship Carl Lira, Liturgist

One: We have come to worship God, the living God,

All: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

One: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

All: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

One: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

All: Who chooses even you and me,

to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

All glory to God!

Prayer of Confession

Carl Lira, Liturgist:

One: God you have given each of us many gifts,

sometimes we need to be reminded of just how many gifts we have.

Remind us that all gifts are needed and no gift is more important than another.

Call us to work, to live, to love together as parts of one body,

So hear our prayer for today:

All: In spite of our individual inadequacies,
God has called us together to be Christ's Body,
and each one of us is indispensable.
God remembers us, giving each of us distinct gifts,
equipping each of us to provide guidance and accountability for one another,
that we all may become more faithful followers of Christ.
We are all greater as one Body than any single member
of us could be on our own.

(silent prayers of confession)

Promise of the Gospel

One: God is the giver of MANY gifts.

God is the Creator of the ONE body.

God helps us to share and honor the gifts of all,

God helps us to heal the wounds and reunite the body.

We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen

Hymn #409 God is Here! vs. 1-4

PCO Chancel Choir

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Children's Sermon Rev. Peggy Huston

First Scripture Lesson | Corinthians 12: 12-31

Sermon "Hints from Heloise" Rev. Peggy Huston

Affirmation of Faith Carl Lira, Liturgist

One: We believe: • that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another

All • that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;

One: • that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted:

All: • that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; in that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; and in that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another. Amen

The Confession of Belhar 10.3

Minute for Mission

Peace and Global Witness Offering

Keith Camann

arr: Michael Helman

Special Music

Holy, Holy, Holy

Irene Shutt, director

Bell Ringers: Monday Mallets

Sally Belloli, Jeff Conroy Krutz, Dave & Kathi Cook Linda & Lou Cravotta, Barb Fretwell-Cooke, Betty Grzesiak Beth Layhe, Sarah Mayhew, Mike Moore, Helen Taylor, Ewen Todd

Offering Carl Lira, Liturgist

Offertory Music Adante in A Major

G.F. Handel

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Prayers of the People

Carl Lira, 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 #300 We Are One in the Spirit, vs. 1-4

PCO Chancel Choir
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Benediction Rev. Peggy Huston

One: Go now, and live as one body in Christ.

Be at peace, and care for one another;

Suffer with one another and rejoice with one another.

Give your attention to the Word of God

and proclaim the good news of freedom to all.

And may God delight your heart and sharpen your vision; May Christ Jesus keep you, thought and word, in his grace; And may the Holy Spirit be the fountain that sustains you all

.....and binds you together as one.

Postlude Fugue in C Major G.F. Handel

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk. Katie & Richard Norton

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