

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
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Maurice Green

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

I 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

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