

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
October 17, 2021
21st 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.

Prelude Prelude on *St. Columba*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist Healey Willan

Greetings and Announcements of the Church Kent Workman

Call to Worship UKirk

Voice 1: "Come," says the Lord. "All you who are thirsty, come to the waters."

Voice 2: "Come. Here there is bread and wine for your soul."

Voice 1: "Come," says the Lord. "Come be my people, and I will be your God."

All: We are your people. You are our God.

Voice 2: "Come, let us walk in the way of the Lord!"

All: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Confession UKirk

Shepherding God, we confess that while we say you provide for our needs, we don't always choose to live that way. We proclaim, "I shall not want," yet consistently make wish lists of material goods and accumulate stuff we don't need. We fail to express our gratitude for what you have provided.

Calling God, we confess that while we ask you to lead us down your path, there are places we don't want to go and people with whom we would prefer not to interact.

Promise of the Gospel UKirk

We are promised that God's love and goodness will be with us always. God comforts us, forgives us and invites us to start anew. Hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Hymn #802 *The King of Love My Shepherd*, vs. 1-4
PCO Chancel Choir
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

UKirk

Sermon

“Reflections on Psalm 23”

Neil Myer, UKirk

Affirmation of Faith

Neil Myer, UKirk

One: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

All: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept our selves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

One: The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

All: rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls people to all ministries of the church.

One: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

All: to pray without ceasing, to witness among all people to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

One: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit

All: We strive to service Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying “Come, Lord Jesus!”

One: With believers in every time and place,

All: We rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Minute for Mission

Thanksgiving Baskets

Becky Gillespie

Special Music

Meditation on Beautiful Savior

arr: Cathy Moklebust

PCO Handbell Choir

Irene Shutt, director

Offering

Neil Myer, UKirk

Offertory Music

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

setting: David Johnson

Prayers of the People

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Refrain: One: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer“...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...”

Hymn#187

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us, vs. 1-4

PCO Chancel Choir

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Benediction

Neil Myer, UKirk

Postlude


Rigaudon

Andre Campra

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

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