

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**October 24, 2021**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> 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** *"So may we go on to say: 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' This is to pray that here as there, love may be all pervading and supreme; that the great statute of God's kingdom, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,' may rule in our own hearts and in the hearts of all men. It is to pray against all wrong and injustice, against whatever occasions sin, or inflicts misery." Abigail Hyde, "Prayer for the Oppressed"*

**Prelude** Contemplation on *Tallis Canon* Richard Purvis  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

**Greetings and Announcements of the Church** Emily Conroy-Krutz

**Choral Introit** *Do Lord* arr. By H. Voss  
PCO Children's Choir  
Sarah Mayhew, director  
Sandy Detrisac, accompanist  
Singers: Elliot Belisle, Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, Claire Mayhew, Will Pearson

**Call to Worship** Richard Norton, Liturgist

One: I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

**All: I will glory in the Lord; that the lowly hear and rejoice.**

One: Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

**All: I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

One: Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your face be downcast.

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God.**

**Psalm 34: 1-5, 8**

**Prayer of Confession** Richard Norton, Liturgist

One: When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

**All: O Lord our God, you call us to work for a world where all will be fed and have dignity, but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires. You call us to seek justice and peace, but we are satisfied with injustice and discord. You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed, but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

**Forgive us. Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your justice and peace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior**  
*(silent prayers of confession)*

**Promise of the Gospel**

**One:** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All:** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Hymn #395**

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*, vs. 1-3  
[Liebster Jesu]  
PCO Chancel Choir  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

**Children's Sermon**

Emily Conroy-Krutz

**First Scripture Lesson**

Isaiah 42:14-16, 18

Richard Norton, Liturgist

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 10:46-52

**Sermon**

“But Now I See”

Emily Conroy-Krutz

**Affirmation of Faith**

Richard Norton, Liturgist

**One:** In life and in death, we belong to God.

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

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

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles 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 women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples 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.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

*From A Brief Statement of Faith*

**Minute for Mission**

Kitchen Collection for Afghan Refugees

Ellen Hoekstra

**Minute for Gratitude**

Doug Paterson

**Special Music**

*If Ye Love Me*  
PCO Chancel Choir  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever;  
E'en the sp'rit of truth.*

**Offering**

Richard Norton, Liturgist

**Offertory Music**

*God Is So Good*  
PCO Children's Choir  
Sarah Mayhew, director  
Sandy Detrisac, accompanist  
Singers: Elliot Belisle, Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, Claire Mayhew, Will Pearson

**Prayers of the People**

Richard Norton, 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 #649**

*Amazing Grace*, vs. 1-5  
PCO Chancel Choir  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

**Benediction**

Emily Conroy-Krutz

**Choral Benediction**

*Go With Us, Lord*  
PCO Chancel Choir  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Tallis Canon

**Postlude**

Postlude on *Amazing Grace*  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Denis Bédard

**Ushers:** Katie Norton, Joel & Deb Major

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