

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
October 31, 2021
Reformation Sunday & All Saints Day**



Revised COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

- *Wear a mask at all times while in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, or classrooms.*
- *Seat yourself while being aware to keep 6 feet of distance from the neighbors in your pew.*
- *Seating will be in every other row to ensure safe distancing.*
- *Remember that young children are not vaccinated.*

Preparation: *"Luther knew in his mind, and felt in his heart, that the dynamic shifts of life can be moments where we can see and share in God's work."* Anthony Bateza

Prelude

Sinfonia Trumpet Sonata
David Hall, trumpet
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Henry Purcell

Greetings and Announcements of the Church

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

Call to Worship

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

One: What does the Lord require of us?

All: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God

One: What gifts does God provide?

All: The gifts of love, peace, joy, patience and wisdom to discern God's presence

One: Why are we hear this day?

All: to Hear God's word and celebrate the faithful saints past and present.

Prayer of Confession

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive us what we have been, help amend what and who we are, and direct us by your will so that we may be expressions of your Love and care, and follow in Christ love, to the glory of your holy name.

Promise of the Gospel

One: The good news is that God is faithful and makes us new.

**All: God never tires out. God's love includes care for all, us, our neighbors, our community, and all that exists. We know that we are sustained by God's grace.
Amen.**

Hymn #326

For All the Saints, vs. 1,2,3,5
[Sine Nomine]
PCO Chancel Choir
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Children's Sermon

Linda Cravotta

First Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 6: 1 - 9

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

Gospel Reading

Mark 12: 28 – 34

Pastor Jim Kocher

Sermon

“Pay Attention to What is Essential”

Pastor Jim Kocher

Hymn # 343

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life, vs. 1-4
[Germany]
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Affirmation of Faith

Mary Schuring

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere presence, and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and new life.

The Iona Abby Creed – Abby Worship Book

Minute for Mission

The Giving Tree

Trudy Sturk

Minute for Gratitude

Mike Morgan

Special Music

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
[Ein feste Burg]
PCO Chancel Choir
David Hall, trumpet

Martin Luther
arr: Mark Patterson

Offering

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

Offertory Music

Voluntary on *Germany*

arr: Alice Jordan

Prayers of the People

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

Refrain: One: Lord, in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

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

All Saints Day Remembrances

See attached list

Pastor Jim Kocher
Ewen Todd, bell ringer

Benediction

Pastor Jim Kocher

Postlude

Postlude on *Sine Nomine*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Charles Callahan

Ushers: *Jayne Zuhlke, Sally Belloli, Sue Cobbett*

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