

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**November 7, 2021**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



**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:** *“Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.”* The Confession of 1967

**Prelude** Piet Post  
Prelude on *Old Hundredth*  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

**Greetings and Announcements of the Church** Ron Dorr

**Call to Worship** (Adapted from Psalm 150) Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, Liturgist  
One: O Lord our God, we praise you,  
**All: We praise you for your powerful deeds,**  
One: We praise you for your overwhelming glory,  
**All: We praise you with trumpet, tambourine, and dance,**  
One: We praise you with strings and flute,  
**All: Let everything that has breath praise you, o Lord our God.**

**Prayer of Confession** Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, Liturgist  
**Almighty God: in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more, that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and we are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy.**  
**God, forgive our stubborn greed, our indifference, and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Promise of the Gospel**

One: Hear the good news!  
Jesus came so that we might have life, and have it abundantly.  
**All: Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Let us thank God, follow Jesus, and love one another.**

**Hymn #385**

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*, vs. 1-4  
[Psalm 100, Old Hundredth]

**Children's Sermon**

Ewen & Zora Todd

**First Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 100: 1 - 5

Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, Liturgist

**Gospel Reading**

John 9: 24 - 34

Ron Dorr

**Sermon**

“The Witness of Combines”

Ron Dorr

**Affirmation of Faith**

Lizzie Conroy-Krutz

**We believe in God, whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,  
Whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified  
by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious  
promise of freedom.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,**

**In God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the  
service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the  
commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of  
the spirit of love,**

**And in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen**

From the Iona Abbey Worship Book

**Minute for Gratitude**

*Advent House*

Susan Cancro

**Special Music**

*We Are Called*

David Haas

PCO Chancel Choir

arr: Mark Hayes

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

**Offering**

Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, Liturgist

**Offertory Music**

*Sarabande*

Jean-Marie LeClair

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

arr. S. Strummond Wolff

**Prayers of the People**

Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, 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 #697**

*Take My Life*, vs. 1-4

**Benediction**

Ron Dorr

**Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune and Air*  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Jacques Albert  
arr: S. Drummond Wolff

Flowers: *Wayne & Barbara Scott*

Ushers: *Doug & Jane Paterson, Tom Schaberg, David Horner*

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