

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
November 14, 2021
25th Sunday after Pentecost



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.*

Prelude

Variations on *Azmon*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Robert Hobby

Greetings and Announcements of the Church

Kent Workman, Liturgist

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 146)

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One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth,

All: who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

One: The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

All: The Lord watches over the stranger and refugee, upholds the orphan and the widow.

One: The Lord will reign forever.

All: Let us praise and worship the Lord!

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Christ came into the world to save us from sin, once and for all. Because of his sacrifice for us, God waits in mercy to forgive. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Holy God, in Jesus Christ

**you came from heaven to dwell among us,
calling us to be your faithful people.**

**You gave us commandments, God of love,
because we somehow lose our way and fall back into fear.**

**You created us to live in community,
and still we oppress others**

and separate ourselves from each other and from you.

Forgive us, and call us to faithfulness.

**Bind all your children together as sisters and brothers,
and nurture us with your love and forgiveness.**

**Reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other,
through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We are clay jars with a treasure within—

an extraordinary power that does not come from us, but from God.

All: We are not left crushed, despairing, forsaken, or destroyed.

**The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ is visible and at work in us. Thanks
be to God! Alleluia. Amen.**

Hymn #401

Gather Us In, vs. 1-4

Minute for Mission

Community Fundraiser for Afghan Refugees

Ellen Hoekstra

Minute for Gratitude

Doug Paterson

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Reveal to us your Word, O God, living and active in our world
by the power of your Holy Spirit.

Let your Word open our minds, so we might share your love.

Shine in the darkness, O God, and shine in our hearts,

so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may grow in the knowledge of your glory.
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6: 4 - 9

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Second Scripture Reading

Romans 12: 1 – 2, 4 - 5

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Sermon

Belonging

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Affirmation of Faith (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

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In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

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