

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
November 21, 2021
Christ the King & Commitment Sunday



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: *“The power of the future lies not in the hands of those who believe in scarcity but of those who trust God’s abundance.” — Walter Brueggemann*

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God
[from *Cantata No. 79*]
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

J.S. Bach
arr: Virgil Fox

Greetings and Announcements of the Church

Judi Harris, Liturgist

Call to Worship

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One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;

All: let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God,

All: and a great King above all gods.

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to renew and refashion our hearts, let us confess before God and each other.

All: Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. We live as a people of scarcity and not abundance. We fail to offer our gratitude for the riches that surround us. We expect to serve you with what remains, rather than offering our first and best. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, and our desire to control the degree to which we respond. In your abundant mercy, teach us what it means to follow you. Shape us to be a people of gratitude.

(Silent prayers of confession).

Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Brothers and sisters, do not lose heart. We are being renewed day by day through the grace of Christ extended to us. Our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

All: Alleluia. Amen!

Hymn #643

Now Thank We All Our God, vs. 1-3
[Nun Danket Alle Gott]

Children's Sermon

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

We are waiting, O God, to hear your Word, for in your Word is our hope. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we hear your voice and be attentive to what you will say to us today. In the name of Christ, we ask this and all things. Amen.

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 8: 1-7

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Abundant Gratitude

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Affirmation of Faith (From a Brief Statement of Faith)

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve 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!"

Special Music

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
PCO Chancel Choir
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

arr: Gilbert Martin

Minute for Mission

Thanksgiving Baskets

Becky Gillespie

Responding in Gratitude

Doug Paterson

Please bring your pledge cards and time and talent sheets forward and place them in the baskets.

Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Offering

Judi Harris, Liturgist

Offertory Music

We Gather Together
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

John Ferguson
Based on *Kremser*

Prayers of the People

Judi Harris, Liturgist

Refrain: One

All:

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

Hymn #263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!, vs.1-4
[Coronation]

Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Postlude on *Darwall's 148th*
[Rejoice! The Lord is King]
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Charles Callahan

Ushers: *Morrie & Barb Hoewel; Ron & Barbara Dorr*

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