

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**January 23, 2022**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**



**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.*
- *While seating is now allowed in every row, please stagger your seats so that you are not sitting directly behind or directly in front of anyone in the pews around you.*
- *Remember that young children are not vaccinated.*

**Preparation:** *“Even powers that seem invincible are vulnerable to love, which is why God’s love has so often taken the form of the civil disobedience of God’s people.”*

- Pastor, writer, and musician Tim Suttle.

**Prelude**

*Sonata in C minor for Organ*  
[Allegro]  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Giovanni Batista Pescetti

**Greetings and Announcements of the Church**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Call to Worship**

Chandra Juarez, Liturgist

One: Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**All: Your word is our living story, the joy of our hearts.**

One: You are our refuge and our shield. We put our hope in your word.

**All: We praise you in song and in prayer.**

**We worship you with our hearts and our minds.**

One: Let us worship our Lord!

**Prayer of Confession**

Chandra Juarez, Liturgist

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help, we come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.

**All: Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world’s frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world’s reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world’s shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world’s impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting.**

*(Silent prayers)*

**All: Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. Mold us such that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Promise of the Gospel**

Chandra Juarez, Liturgist

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ends. When we call out to God, God answers. God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen.**

**Act of Praise #581**

*Gloria Patri*

**Hymn #459**

*O Word of God Incarnate, vs. 1-3*  
[Munich]

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Lord our God, your name and your word are exalted above everything. We are listening for your word; we are looking for your light. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so we may know your will and respond in faith. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Exodus 1:15 – 2:10

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Sermon**

*Living Stories: Drawn Out*  
Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Anthem**

*Today We are Called to Be Your Disciples*  
Troy Forbush, soloist

**Minute for Mission**

Sad News About Haitian Hospital

Ellen Hoekstra

**Offering**

Rick Gierman, Liturgist

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

*Sonata in C minor*  
[Moderato]

Pescetti

**Doxology #606**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

Rick Gierman, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

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

**Hymn#462**

*I Love to Tell the Story*, vs. 1-3

[Hankey]

**Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Postlude**

*Sonata in C minor*

Pescetti

[Presto]

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

**Ushers:** *Juarez Family, Kent Workman*

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