

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
February 6, 2022
Fifth 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: “Look at the world around you. It may seem like an immovable, implacable place. It is not. With the slightest push—in just the right place—it can be tipped.”— Malcolm Gladwell, *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*

Prelude: *There is a Balm in Gilead* African American Spiritual
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist arr: Adolphus Hailstork

Greetings and Announcements of the Church Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship Steve Mayhew, Liturgist

One: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

All: Give thanks to the Lord.

One: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

All: Give thanks to the Lord.

One: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God’s covenant.

All: Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!

Prayer of Confession Steve Mayhew, Liturgist

One: God declares: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. Confident in our deliverance, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us.

(Silent prayers)

All: By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the bondage of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us so that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Steve Mayhew, Liturgist

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.

All: Let us believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

* **Act of Praise #581**

Gloria Patri

* **Hymn #401**

Here in This Place (Gather Us In), vs. 1-4
[Gather Us In]

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Gracious God, your Word can surprise, challenge, and overturn our ways of seeing and thinking. Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cause that which is withering in us to blossom and that which is exacting in us to broaden until we see as you see, and thereby glimpse the kingdom you are bringing. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 7:1-5, 14-17; 11:1, 4-9

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Living Stories: Let My People Go
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

Come Unto Him from Messiah
Maria Schoon, soloist

G.F. Handel

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

Offering

Steve Mayhew, Liturgist

Invitation

Offertory

Break Thou the Bread of Life

William Sherwin

* **Doxology #606**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts,

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Communion

Prayer

* **Hymn** #52

When Israel Was in Egypt's Land, vs. 1-4

[Go Down Moses]

Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Congregational Meeting takes place in the Sanctuary and on Zoom immediately following worship.

Ushers: *Doug & Jane Paterson, Keith Camann, Tom Schaberg*

* *Please rise in body or spirit.*

The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are adapted from *Feasting on the Word. Worship Companion Year A*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

No Adult Education following worship today due to the Congregational Meeting

Next Week: Jill Schaberg is scheduled to facilitate a discussion on a pre-recorded Ted Talk.

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