

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**April 3, 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



**COVID-19 Safety Recommendations**

- *Wear a mask while singing in the sanctuary, and when interacting with young children.*
- *Remember that young children are not vaccinated.*

**Preparation:** *“Living by what we are for, what we support, who we love, what we cherish is hard to sustain. This is why we can point to historical moments of great violence, but it’s harder to see historical movements of great love.” – Rev. Cameron Trimble*

**Prelude**

*Wondrous Love*  
[melody from Wm. Walker’s *Southern Harmony*, 1835]  
Christian Beamer, viola  
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

John Weaver

**Choral Introit**

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*  
[Confitemini Domino]

**Greetings and Announcements of the Church**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Call to Worship**

Matt Pearson, Liturgist

One: May we find courage here—

**All: courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.**

One: May we find hope here—

**All: hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.**

One: May we find truth here—

**All: truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.**

One: May we find all that we seek.

**All: And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen**

**\* Hymn #509**

*All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*, vs. 1-3  
[Holy Manna]

**Prayer of Confession**

Matt Pearson, Liturgist

One: If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection—a new and abundant life. With confidence in God’s generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

**All: Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Too often we are so sure of our own righteousness that we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches and the whole world with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**Promise of the Gospel**

Matt Pearson, Liturgist

One: We do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun.

**All: We are loved. We are claimed. We are under God's wing. We are worthy of grace. We belong to God. Amen.**

**\* Act of Praise #581**

*Gloria Patri*

**Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Break open the Scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. Then, anointed with your word, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

John 12:1-8

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Sermon**

*Healing Through Gratitude*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

From *Brief Statement of Faith* (in unison)

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.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. 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!"

**Anthem**

*And Can It Be?*  
PCO Chancel Choir

Dan Forrest  
Charles Wesley, 1738

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite His grace—  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

**Minute for Mission**

Mobile Music Making

Maria Schoon

**Offering**

Matt Pearson, Liturgist

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

*Panis Angelicus*

César Franck

*Bread of Angels*

[Extract De La Messe Solennelle] Op. 12, FWV 61, 1860

Christine Beamer, viola

Marlene Brewbaker, organ

**\*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

Communion Prayer

\* **Hymn #516**

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken, vs. 1-4*  
[Kingdom]

**Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

As you leave this place,  
may you be awestruck by the beauty of this world.  
May you laugh, and may it be contagious.  
May you overflow with love for those around you.  
May you be effusive with hope and quick to point out joy.  
And in all of your living, and breathing, and being,  
may you find yourself full to the brim with God's Holy Spirit,  
and may it change your life. Go in peace. Amen

**Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune and Air*  
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Jacques Aubert

\* *Please rise in body or spirit*

**Ushers:** *Doug & Jane Paterson, Tom Schaberg, Richard Norton*

**Adult Ed:** Presentation on Passover

**Next Week:** We will hear from our MSU Scholarship Choir Singers as they share a bit about their lives, their studies and their hopes for the future.

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