

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
April 14, 2022
Maundy Thursday



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.*

Prelude

Herzliebster Jesu
[Ah, Holy Jesus]
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Johannes Brahms
Melody: Johann Crüger

Welcome

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

One: A call to worship is a call to presence.

All: We long to be fully present here, and to feel God's presence here.

One: Notice the space around us, the way it looks, smells, and sounds.

All: With all our senses, we recognize a sacred space and our belonging in it.

One: We gather as good creation, wonderfully made.

All: We join our bodies into one body as we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

* Hymn #206

This is the Night, vs. 1, 3, 5

Prayer of Confession

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

One: As we move from the brightness of the day's light to the enfolding darkness of the night-time, we recognize our need for forgiveness and our desire to walk the journey to the cross. In all humility and with faith in the grace of God, we confess our sin.

All: Loving Christ, on that night long ago, you knew that your hour had come. You knew what lay ahead of you. We rejoice in the love that you show us, the love that is our example, the love that tells us to do as you have done for us. We, like your disciples, have loved you and followed you. We, like your disciples, have also failed you. Forgive us.

Silent Prayer

May we be like you, servants of all. May all see how we long to be your faithful disciples. May all see how we love you by our love for each other. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

One: As a parent welcomes home a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance.

All: We are loved. We are forgiven. We are claimed. We are worthy of grace. We belong to God. Amen.

*** Response #447**

We Are Forgiven

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

God of Exodus and Resurrection, you have promised to write your law on our hearts. As we hear the reading of your Word, teach us your law of love, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may show forth the light of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 22:14-23

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Invited to the Table

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

Behold A Sight
PCO Chancel Choir

arr. by Clarence Dickinson

Litany of Prayer for Our World

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

One: O God most high, on this night we remember Jesus gathered around the Table with those who sought to follow him and too often failed.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for the church and for all who serve others, especially those in most need.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for peace among nations and religions, and peace among people.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for those who suffer because of hatred and hard-heartedness.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for those who are injured by acts of violence or natural disaster.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for those who are sick or dying, for those who are frightened or distraught.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: Most holy God, in Jesus Christ you show us that true glory is in humble service. Renew in us your call to love one another, to welcome the stranger, and to show Christ's mercy in all we do. It is for his sake that we pray. Amen.

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 #202**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare, vs. 1, 2, 4

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Stripping of the Chancel

Peter's Denial Foretold: Mark 14:26-31

Ellen Hoekstra, Liturgist

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane: Mark 14:32-42

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Depart in Silence

Please join us tomorrow, April 15, at noon in the PCO Sanctuary for a Good Friday Service.

Rev. Rick Blunt from Okemos Community Church will be delivering the meditation.

We also welcome you to join us at the Easter Sunday Worship Service, at 10 a.m. in the PCO Sanctuary on April 17. The service will include communion and special music. You are invited to stay for fellowship and refreshments immediately after the service, and for an Easter Egg Hunt for children ages preschool through fifth grade at 11:30 a.m. in the church yard.

** Please rise in body or spirit*

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