



The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
April 24, 2022
Second Sunday of Easter



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: *“Ask the questions that have no answers. Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest. Say that the leaves are harvested when they have rotted into the mold. Call that profit.” – Poet Wendell Berry*

Prelude

The Strife is O'er
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Lisa Shoemaker-Lohmeyer

Greetings and Announcements of the Church

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship (adapted from Genesis 1)

Kathi Cook, Liturgist

One: God said: Let there be light; and there was light.

All: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

One: God said: Let the waters under the sky be gathered and let the dry land appear.

All: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

One: God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called seas.
And God saw that it was good.

All: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

One: God said: Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.

All: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

One: God said: Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind.

All: O Lord our God, how majestic is your name!

* **Hymn #25**

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5
[Winchester Old]

Prayer of Confession

Kathi Cook, Liturgist

One: By faith in Jesus Christ, we are given access to the grace of God. Standing in that grace, we now confess our sins before God, seeking forgiveness and peace. Let us pray together...

All: God, you entrusted humankind with the care of your creation, and we come before you knowing that we are failing. Instead of caring for it, we consume it. You give so much; we take more. We pile plastic into landfills, and encroach on animals' natural

habitats to make them our own. We remove mountaintops and cut down forests to stockpile resources for ourselves. Thinking that grand gestures and sweeping statements are all that will fix the harm we have caused, we neglect our individual responsibility to make a difference with even the smallest of acts. Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be better stewards of the life that is all around us, and in us. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Kathi Cook, Liturgist

One: Because Christ has been raised from the dead, sin and death do not have the last word!
Our faith is not in vain.

All: **Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.**

*** Act of Praise #581**

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

Sophia Juarez, Liturgist

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

God of the earthquake and the silence, quiet in us any voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 21:9-17

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Practice Resurrection

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

PCO Chancel Choir

Minute for Mission

Green Team Update

Jeff Arbour

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Jean Francois Dandrieu

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Sophia Juarez, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer**

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

* **Hymn** #239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!, vs. 1, 3, 4
[Gelobt Sei Gott]

Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing setting: Michael Burkhardt
[Gelobt Sei Gott]
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: *Richard Norton, Brett & Lynn Cone*

Adult Ed: *Green Team shares information about current and future projects such as native plant gardens, waste, composting. In Temple Room and on Zoom 434 304 558*

Next Week: *No Adult Ed at 11:30 a.m. Nature Walk/Trash Pick-up leaves the PCO parking lot at 12:30 p.m. Scheduled to return at 2:30 p.m.*

The Promise of the Gospel and the Prayer of Illumination are adapted from Feasting on the Word. Worship Companion Year C. Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.

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