

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**May 8, 2022**  
**Fourth 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.*

**Prelude**

Processional Prelude on *Hyfrydol*  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

John G. Barr

**Greetings and Announcements of the Church**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Call to Worship**

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

One: And Jesus said, "Come!" To all mothers and all children: he said, "Come!"

**All: to the motherless and the childless: he said, "Come!"**

One: to all who long to be mothered: he said, "Come!"

**All: Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.**

One: Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,

**All: for I am gentle and humble of heart and you will find rest for your souls."**

One: Come and let us worship our God!

**\* Hymn #366**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, vs. 1-4

**Prayer of Confession**

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Because we trust in the mercy and the grace of God, we can come to God with honest and open hearts. Let us acknowledge the places in our life where we need to be forgiven and to seek new ways of living.

**All: Loving God, we give thanks that you are a loving parent to us all. From your being all life was born and all creation is nurtured. You have formed us in your image as your children and gathered us together as a brood under your wing. Yet, while we have received such love from you, we too often fail to share that love with others.**

**Forgive us.**

*Silent Prayer*

**Help us live into our call to be people of compassion, mercy and, love. Like a nurturing mother, may we embrace the hurting and brokenhearted, and help others see your great love for them. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

**Promise of the Gospel**

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Hear this good news: God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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*

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Scripture Reading**

Revelation 21:1-8  
Rev. Dr. Douglas Fletcher

**Sermon**

*Thy Kingdom Come*  
Rev. Dr. Douglas Fletcher

**Anthem**

*Canticle of Love*, 9th century      melody arr. By Hal Hopson  
PCO Chancel Choir

*Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.  
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.*

Love is kind and suffers long, love is meek and thinks no wrong;  
Love that death itself is strong, therefore give us love.

*Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur.  
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.*

Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day;  
Love will with us ever stay, therefore give us love.  
Faith and hope and love we see, joining hand in hand agree,  
But the greatest of all is love, therefore give us love.

*Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.  
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

**Offering**

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

Thomas Canning

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Holy Communion

Invitation

Rev. Dr. Douglas Fletcher

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

Pastor Lisa Schrott

\* **Hymn #517**

*Here, O Our Lord, We See You*, vs. 1-4

[Morecambe]

**Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Postlude**

*Toccata*

Eugene Gigout

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

\* *Please rise in body or spirit*

**Ushers:** *Keith Camann, Tom Schaberg, Lynn & Brett Cone*

**Adult Ed:** *No Adult Ed this week. Please join us at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary or online for Pastor Lisa Schrott's Service of Installation.*

The Call to Worship is adapted from a call by Carol Penner from re-worship <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/>.

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