

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
May 15, 2022
Fifth 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: “I’ve come to think that while Christian history is messy, it has a pattern. The pattern is this: where a rule and a principle are in conflict, the principle in the end prevails. In the end, with much heat and shouting and foot-dragging and confusion, we always set aside the rule, or remake it, in order that we may live more fully by the principle.”-- Author Francis Spufford

Prelude

Trumpet Prelude
[Suite from Drottningholms-Musique]
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Johan Helmich Roman
(1694-1758)

Greetings and Announcements of the Church

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship

Ron Dorr, Liturgist

One: Praise the Lord, all the earth!

**All: Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise the Lord in the heights.**

One: Praise the name of the Lord,
and the Lord’s glory shall be praised,

**All: for people near and people far,
for people present and people to come,
for the young and for those wise with age.**

One: Come, let us praise the Lord.

All: Come, let us worship God.

* **Hymn #767**

Together We Serve, vs. 1-4
[San Anselmo]

Prayer of Confession

Ron Dorr, Liturgist

One: Long ago God called the church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave us the gift of your Holy Spirit to open our hearts to enact such love. It is in that same spirit of openness that we confess where we have strayed from the spirit, as well as our aspirations for reconciliation and healing.

All: God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens

us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Ron Dorr, Liturgist

One: In the resurrection of Jesus Christ all things are made new. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Amen.

*** Act of Praise #581**

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

O God of promise, your word made flesh in Jesus Christ is trustworthy and true. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may it rise up in us this day like a gift from the spring of the water of life to refresh our thirsty souls. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 11:11-18

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Them and Us

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Affirmation of Faith

From: *The Confession of 1967* (in unison)

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. Jesus' human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Anthem

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Johann Crüger

PCO Chancel Choir

Minute for Mission

Loaves and Fishes

Barbara Dorr

Offering Catherine Holdway, Liturgist

Invitation

Offertory *Adante* Johan Helmich Roman

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People Catherine Holdway, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer**

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

*** Hymn #300**

We Are One in the Spirit, vs. 1-4
(They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love)

Benediction

Postlude *Bourrée* Johan Helmich Roman

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: *Bill & Barbara Given, Ron Dorr, Tom Schaberg*

Flowers: *The flowers beautifying the sanctuary today are from Beth Harkness in memory of her mother, Joan Harkness.*

Adult Ed: *Dr. Taylor Scott and Dr. Graham Atkin are schedule to speak on Spartan Street Medicine. This is a student-led medical group operating in collaboration with community partners to provide pop-up clinics and direct street outreach for people experiencing homelessness in Ingham County.*

MUSIC NOTES

The prelude, offertory, and postlude for this morning's service are part of a large orchestral suite composed for Crown Prince Fredrick and Princess Ulrika at Drottningholm Castle, Sweden, in 1744. Roman, who is considered to be the father of Swedish music, was born in Stockholm and studied in England where he was greatly influenced by Handel.

The Call to Worship was adapted from

The Prayer of Confession and the Prayer of Illumination are adapted from *Feasting on the Word.*

Worship Companion Year C. Westminster John Knox Press, 2012. The Affirmation of Faith is from the Confession of 1967 (9.32-33) Inclusive Language Version;

https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/theologyandworship/pdfs/confess67.pdf

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