

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
May 29, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension of the Lord



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: “The Ascension is the feast where the church claims that God is still in the business of taking up space in the world through the body of Christ. From this point on, all ground is holy, all flesh is sacred, all places ripe with the potential of resurrection.” -- Pastor Greg Moore and *Ministry Matters* editor, Cameron Merrill

Prelude

Sicilienne

Maria-Theresia V. Paradis

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Greetings and Announcements of the Church

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship

Maddie Pearson, Liturgist

One: Clap your hands, all you nations;

All: shout to God with cries of joy.

One: Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,

All: for God reigns over all the earth!

One: God has gone up with a shout!

All: Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

One: Sing praises to our King, sing praises.

All: Let us worship the King of all the earth.

* **Hymn #258**

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

[Deo Gracias]

Prayer of Confession

Maddie Pearson, Liturgist

One: Let us repent of those things that have drawn us away from God and our neighbors, that we may receive the joy of forgiveness.

All: Merciful God, day by day we have failed to believe in your presence and your promised forgiveness. We have not trusted in your power to give the riches we cannot see. We have not honored our siblings in Christ by embracing them with compassion. We have not forgiven others or ourselves. Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth, that we may rejoice in your presence, to the glory of your ascended Son. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Maddie Pearson, Liturgist

One: The God of all grace will restore, support, and strengthen us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen!

* Act of Praise #581

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Come Holy Spirit, open our minds to see the power of scripture to give life; enlighten our hearts that we might see Christ in all whom we meet; in the name of the one, holy, and living God, to whom we give all glory. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Absence and Presence

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Affirmation of Faith*The Apostles' Creed* (in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Special Music*Consider the Lilies*

Roger Hoffman

Colleen Chester, vocalist

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, pianist

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow.
Consider the birds in the sky, how they fly.
He clothes the lilies of the field, he feeds the birds in the sky,
and he will feed those who trust Him, and guide them with His eye.

Consider the sheep of His fold,
how they follow where He leads.
Tho' their paths may wind across the mountains,
He knows where they feed.

Consider the sweet, tender children who must suffer on this earth.
The pains of all of them He carried from the day of His birth.
He clothes the lilies of the field, he feeds the lambs in His fold,
and He will heal those who trust Him, and make their hearts as gold.

Minute for Mission Global Institute of Lansing David and Kathi Cook

Offering Matt Pearson, Liturgist

Invitation

Offertory *Children of the Heavenly Father* Traditional Swedish Folk Tune

***Doxology #606** arr. Alice Jordan

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People Matt Pearson, Liturgist

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

*** Hymn #331** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*, vs. 1-4
[National Hymn]

Benediction Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude *Fanfare on Agincourt Hymn Deo Gracias* Charles Callahan
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: *Jayne Zuhlke, Barbara Given, Sally Belloli*

Adult Ed: *Sermon talk back on Christ's resurrection and ascension.*

Next Week Adult Ed: *Presbyterian 101: Our Reformed Heritage*

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