

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos  
June 26, 2022  
Third Sunday after Pentecost



**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:** “There’s a reason the windshield is about 100 times larger than the (rearview) mirror: cars are designed to be driven forward. Drivers benefit from having an optimal view of where they’re headed. It strikes me that a lot of people spend their days trying to steer their way through life by fixating on the rearview mirror. ... Instead of believing that God or anybody else might be beckoning them toward a new future, they’re more focused on recovering the past.” - Rev. Peter Marty, Lutheran pastor and editor and publisher of the *Christian Century*

**Prelude** *Air* Samuel Wesley  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

**Greetings and Announcements of the Church** Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Call to Worship** Bill Given, Liturgist

One: In the beginning before time, before people, before the world began,

**All: God was.**

One: Here and now among us, enlisting the people of earth for the purpose of heaven,

**All: God is.**

One: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,

**All: God will be.**

One: Not denying the world, but delighting in it,

**All: not condemning the world, but redeeming it through Jesus Christ**

One: by the power of the Holy Spirit,

**All: God was, God is, God will be.**

\* **Hymn #761** *Called as Partners in Christ’s Service*, vs. 1-4  
[Beecher]

**Prayer of Confession** Bill Given, Liturgist

One: Clothed with the mantle of baptism and protected by God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have failed to live as your beloved children. Sometimes what we desire is not your will. We fear failure and cling to**

**unquestioned habits. We have avoided difficult responsibilities to our neighbors. Forgive us, we pray. (Silence)**  
**Show us the path of your prophetic way. Open our eyes to new ventures. Help us love our neighbors as ourselves. Renew us, in the name of life abundant, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Promise of the Gospel**

Bill Given, Liturgist

One: Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor, and to work for the reconciliation of the world.

**All: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God!  
Alleluia! Amen.**

**\* Act of Praise #581**

*Gloria Patri*

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Mighty God, you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts. By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live, that we might be shaped into your people, eager to bear your claim in the world and to give flesh to your future. For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Sermon**

Picking up the Mantle

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**\* Affirmation of Faith (in unison, from the *Confession of Belhar*)**

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.

**Offering** Barbara Given, Liturgist  
**Invitation**

**Offertory** *Gavotte* Samuel Wesley  
**\*Doxology #606**  
**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People** Barbara Given, Liturgist  
One: Lord in your mercy,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

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

**\* Hymn #769** *For Everyone Born*, vs. 1-5

**Benediction** Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Postlude** *Trumpet Voluntary* William Goodwin  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organist

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

**Ushers:** *Richard Norton, Brett & Lynn Cone*

**Flowers:** *The flowers beautifying the sanctuary today celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Gary and Dorinda VanKempen.*

**Pulpit Rose:** *The pulpit rose is in celebration of the birth of Miles Kursik. Miles is the son of Brittany and Andrew Kursik and was born on June 10. We welcome Miles to our PCO family!*

**Adult Ed:** *Presbyterian 101: Current issues in the PC(USA)*

**Next Week Adult Ed:** *There will be no adult education next week. We will enjoy a time of fellowship.*

**Next Week's Scripture:** *John 2:1-12*

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