

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
July 17, 2022
Sixth 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: “God somehow takes the pieces of our broken hearts, no matter how small, and fits them together to make things whole. So maybe we take this brokenness that we feel right now and instead of hiding it from each other, we show each other the jagged and sharp edges – the really painful parts – and we see if these pieces can fit together so we can work together to bring about the world, the life, the kingdom that God intends for us all. Maybe we pray, we lament, and we get to work.” - Rev. Quincy Worthington, Pastor of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, written shortly after the July 4, 2022 shooting in Highland Park, IL.

Prelude

Air on the G String
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

J.S. Bach

Invitation to our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

One: To all who are living in darkness,

All: God says, “Show yourselves.”

One: To all who are imprisoned,

All: God says, “Come out.”

One: To all who hunger and thirst,

All: God gives food and springs of water.

One: To all who are far away,

All: God makes smooth the way home. God will not forget us, we are inscribed on the palms of God’s hands.

* Hymn #175

Seek Ye First, vs. 1-3
[Lafferty]

Prayer of Confession

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

One: Let us turn to the one who brings light into darkness, confessing to God and one another the truth about our lives.

All: God of abundance, you set before us every day a table laden with hope, and still we fall prey to fears and anxieties that set limits on your kingdom. We have not cared for one another as you have commanded. And we have not loved ourselves with the

regard that honors wholeness. Be our guide, our judge, our joy. Show us the way of your life abundant, and turn us always to that path so that we may live and move in renewed commitment to what is just and good. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

One: People of God, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we are clothed, fed, and sheltered by the Holy One who knows our every fiber. We are assured of God's desire that our prayers for mercy are heard and have been answered. The good news of the gospel is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.

All: We are held with love in God's hands. Thanks be to God! Amen

*** Act of Praise #581**

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Pastor Lisa Schrott and Wayne Scott

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 12:22-31

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

The Sacred in the Ordinary: Birds and Flowers

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Colleen Chester, vocalist

Minute for Mission

Mercy and Hope Charity

Frank Hatfield

Offering

Mary Schuring, Liturgist

Invitation

Offertory

Praeludium in G Minor

Johann Krieger

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Please add your prayer to the center of the prayer paper. When finished, come forward and place it in the basket at the front. You may include prayers for creation, the world, our country, our local area, neighbors, friends, family members, and anything on your heart. The prayer pages will be folded into birds which will be displayed in the sanctuary.

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