

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
August 14, 2022
Tenth 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: “Repentance and faith are the constant daily rhythms of the Christian life, our breathing out and breathing in. In these small moments that reveal my lostness and brokenness, I need to develop the habit of admitting the truth of who I am - not running to justify myself or minimize my sin. And yet in my brokenness and lostness, I also need the habit of letting God love me, trusting again in his mercy and receiving again his words of forgiveness.” - Anglican priest and author Tish Harrison Warren

Prelude

Romance Op. 40 No. 2
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

T. Leschetizky

Invitation to our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship (from Psalm 100)

Beth Layhe, Liturgist

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God.

All: We are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.

One: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and praise.

All: Give thanks to God; bless God’s name.

One: For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

*** Hymn #415**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy, vs. 1-4
[Restoration]

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

All-knowing God, your Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light to our path. Through your Spirit: Give us eyes to spot where you are—here in this place. Give us ears that strain for your voice of encouragement. Give us minds to engage your challenge in our lives. Give us hearts of compassion, empathy, and love for all. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-10

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

The Sacred in the Ordinary: Sheep and Coins

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Repentance

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: In baptism we are called to repent – to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ. In baptism we are joined to Christ in his death so that we might be raised with Christ in new life. Remembering the promises made to us in our baptism, we come before God, seeking forgiveness for our sinful ways and healing for our brokenness.

Litany of Personal Confession

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: In you gracious God, the widow find a caretaker, the orphaned find a parent, the fearful find a friend.

All: In you, the wounded find a healer, the penitent find a pardoner, the burdened find a counselor.

One: In you, the well-off find those in need, the despondent find a laughter-maker, the legalists find a rule-breaker.

All: In you, Jesus Christ, we meet our maker and our match.

One: And if some need to say, “Help me” and if some need to say “Save me” and if some need to say “Hold me” and if some need to say “Forgive me” then let these be said now in confidence by us.

(Silent prayer)

Litany of Communal Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways. You look at our very human souls and see the wings of an angel.

All: We scan the finest of our neighbors, anxious to find the flaws.

One: You see our lives in the context of eternity, and give us time to put things right.

All: We demand instant results, and look toward tomorrow before savoring today.

One: You know that only the one who suffers can ultimately save, so you choose to walk the way of the cross.

All: In the community of Christ’s church and in the presence of all God’s people, we repent. We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you, O God, with our whole heart. We have not cared for your creation or respected your people as we should. We own our responsibility.

One: Not to have our worst confirmed, but to have our best liberated, we pray for your grace and your forgiveness.

All: Forgive in us what has gone wrong, repair in us what is injured, reveal in us what is good.

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Beloved people of God, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin.

All: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* Act of Praise #581

Gloria Patri

Special Music

Calypso on He Leadeth Me
Summer Bell Choir

William B. Bradbury
arr: Tammy Waldrop

Offering

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Invitation

Offertory

Soon and Very Soon
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

arr: J. Schrader

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Beth Layhe, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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

* Hymn #436

God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us, vs. 1-3
[O Quanta Qualia]

Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Passacaille in G Minor
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

G.F. Handel

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Adult Ed: No Adult Ed scheduled this week. Enjoy a time of fellowship after the service.

Next Week's Scripture: Luke 8:1-15

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