

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

September 18, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Peace and Global Witness Sunday



COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

- Masking is now optional during the service (including while singing).
- Remember that young children may not have been vaccinated.

Preparation: “So the question is not whether God can bring peace into the world. The question is: Can we?” David Willna, resident of Jerusalem, as quoted by Bruce Feiler in *Abraham. A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*.

Prelude Ukrainian Folk Song - *Farewell, Dear Country Home* Vidas Pinkevicius
Meditation on Ukrainian Song - *Homeland*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Invitation to our Shared Ministry Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Call to Worship (Adapted from Isaiah 55) Jill Schaberg, Liturgist

One: From north and south and east and west,

All: all Creation sings forth your praises!

One: The mountains and the hills burst into song;

All: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

One: Your steadfast love never ceases.

All: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

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

Prayer of Confession Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: God's grace was given to us in Christ before the ages began. In spite of God's gift of love to us, we often act in destructive ways. Trusting in Christ's mercy that never ends, let us with honesty confess our sins before God and one another.

All: Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look out at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies are new every morning. Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Forgiven and freed, let us rise up with joy and share our peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable. A nod of the head, a fist bump, a friendly "peace be with you" are fine if you are not comfortable shaking hands.

*** Act of Praise #581***Gloria Patri***New Testament Scripture**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

God of love, in the quietness of this hour, we wait for your Spirit. Tune our ears to hear the promise of your salvation. Incline our hearts toward your message of peace. Summon our will to respond to your Word with justice and love, that we might go forth with joy through Christ. Amen.

Old Testament Scripture

Genesis 12:1-9

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon*Stepping Out in Faith*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem*I Will Be a Child of Peace*

PCO Chapel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

Minute for the Choir

Colleen Chester

Welcome to our 2022-2023 MSU Scholarship Students:

Peyton Weil, soprano

Amira Coleman, alto

Connor Lindsey, tenor

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation *We will begin collecting the Peace and Global Witness Offering this morning. Please use one of the special offering envelopes or make note on your check or your electronic offering.*

Offertory*A Prayer for Peace*

David Maxwell

Doxology #606**Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Jill Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

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

* **Hymn #817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight, vs. 1-4
[Dunlap's Creek]

Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Benediction Response

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take let this be my solemn vow
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Postlude

March on Ukrainian Song - *Oh, In the Meadow Red Viburnum* Vidas Pinkevicius
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Education Time: Ukraine - Moldova Refugee Lunch and Learn in Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be collected.

Next Week's Scripture: Genesis 41:1-36

Next Week's Adult Ed: Dr. Jeff Conroy-Krutz will present "The Church Mission in Africa: Consequences & Controversies".

Ushers: *Ron & Barbara Dorr; Morrie & Barbara Hoevel*

This Morning's Fellowship Team: *Thanks to Edward Ennen for preparing coffee & Wayne Scott for cleaning up the coffee station.*

Our liturgy this morning is adapted from the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Offering Worship Resource. It was prepared by the Rev. Katie Owen Aumann, senior pastor, Morningside Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA.

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