

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

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

Preparation: “We are so captivated by and entangled in our day-to-day affairs that we have forgotten the age-old fact that God speaks chiefly in dreams and visions.” Carl Jung

“It is ever a grace and a benediction to be able to come to a halt, to stop, to pause, to make a rest of motion. Thus we are privileged to turn aside from the things that occupy and preoccupy our minds in the daily round, to take a long intimate look at ourselves...It is at such times that we are free to remember! From within the quiet of our spirits we may see with startling clarity the meaning of past experiences separated in time but one in quality, sense the undercurrents of our lives and the distant shores toward which their movement points; and feel the depths of our hunger for the wisdom that transcends all our knowledge and understanding but is always obscured by the binding tyranny of our fact.” Howard Thurman

Prelude *Sinfonia and Trumpet Tune* Henry Purcell
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist (1659-1995)

Choral Introit *O God Who Has Called Us* Eleanor Daley
PCO Chancel Choir

Invitation to our Shared Ministry Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

All: In you, we come home— to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved. We dwell in you.

One: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world, from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

All: In you, we are home— we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice. We dwell in you.

* **Hymn #305** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*, vs. 1-4
(Darwall’s 148th)

Prayer of Confession Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We are called to live in right relationship with God by loving God and loving one another. When we fail, we take responsibility through repentance. We turn away from sin and we turn our faces to God. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the One who pardons our offenses.

All: God of mercy, you have given us a dream of your world made whole, a heavenly realm that is near in heart and close at hand. And yet too often we choose to prioritize voices from the world above your voice to us. We let the clamor of conflict and competition distract us. Our busyness and ego provide us with easy excuses to avoid the responsibility of seeking you and listening for you. Forgive us. Quiet us. Renew our imaginations and our hearts. Give us courage to be transformed by your voice and your love. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Our God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. God's hand shall lead us and hold us fast. Let us be reconciled with God and at 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.*

* **Act of Praise #581**

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Scripture

Genesis 41: 14 - 36

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

God, you speak to us in unexpected moments. In waking, and in sleeping, in the sacred and the ordinary, but we hear your voice clear when we surrender and let go. God, help us to surrender this morning and in the moments when it is most difficult to do so. Help us let go and let some word of this be yours. Amen.

Sermon

The Significance of Dreams

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Anthem

The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)
PCO Handbell Choir directed by Irene Shutt
Christine Beamer, viola

Cathy Molkebust

Minute for Mission

Community in Schools Michigan (CISM)
Winter Clothing Drive

Ellen Hoekstra

Offering

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Invitation

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Offertory

Interlude from *Dioclesian*

Henry Purcell

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Tom 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 #301**

Let Us Build a House, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

[Two Oaks]

* **Benediction**

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Minute for Emergency Preparedness

Dave Rumminger

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Education Time: Dr. Jeff Conroy-Krutz will present "The Church Mission in Africa: Consequences & Controversies."

Next Week's Scripture: Ephesians 2:14-22

Next Week's Adult Ed: The Cuban Mission Team will share experiences from their trip this past summer.

Ushers: *Richard Norton, Joel and Deb Major*

This Morning's Fellowship Team: *Thank you to the Parish Life Committee members who made coffee and arranged for cake to celebrate September birthdays.*

MUSIC NOTES

For those who watched the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, it was a solemn reminder of the rich heritage of Anglican Church music both past and present. One of the composers represented was Henry Purcell (1659-1695) from the English Baroque era. Purcell wrote in many genres including opera, cantatas, anthems, songs, incidental music for plays, chamber music, court music, and instrumental music for organ and harpsichord. In 1679 he was appointed organist at Westminster Abbey. Following his premature death in 1695, Purcell was buried adjacent to the Abbey organ.

The two preludes for this morning were originally written for organ, but the melody line was most likely played by solo trumpet. The trumpet became popular during the seventeenth century and Purcell is known to have written many trumpet solo parts.

The offertory is an instrumental interlude from Purcell's opera "Dioclesian"

Our Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession are adapted from *Feasting on the Word, Year A Volume 2*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

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