

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
October 9, 2022
Eighteenth 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: “I thought religion would make me live with my head in the clouds, but as often as not, it grounds me in this world.” — A.J. Jacobs, from *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible*

Prelude *Christ Is My Life's Salvation* Johann Gottfried Walther
[Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben]
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Choral Introit *Blessed Are Those Who Walk in the Law of the Lord* Eleanor Daley
PCO Chancel Choir

Invitation to our Shared Ministry Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 19) Michelle Nessa, Liturgist

One: The law of the Lord is perfect,

All: refreshing the soul.

One: The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,

All: making wise the simple.

One: The teachings of the Lord are right,

All: giving joy to the heart.

One: The commands of the Lord are radiant,

All: giving light to the eyes.

One: Let us worship the author of the law!

All: Let us worship the Lord!

* **Hymn #690** *God's Glory Fills the Heavens*, vs. 1-3
[St. Patrick]

Prayer of Confession Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: The One who pardons, heals, and strengthens all who repent calls us to name our failings and our hopes. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

All: Merciful God, you brought us out of the land of captivity, out of the house of slavery. Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery, making divine the machine of production, crafting idols from the excess of consumption. Forgive us when we

consider ourselves so grand that we do not rest and enjoy your presence, defining ourselves by our ability rather than your love. Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves, exposed, without the cloak of productivity. Forgive us through Christ, who redeems us that we might enjoy your presence, creation, and community. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: Being made right with God does not come from our own doing or not doing. Righteousness comes from God, by faith. Through the faithfulness of Christ, our Lord, we are forgiven.

All: Let us believe the good news! We are forgiven and set free to live in faithfulness with God and with one another. Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ. 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 Rebekah Anderson

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Almighty God, your Word has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit. Open your Word and illumine our darkened world, that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture

Exodus 19: 3-7; 20:1-11

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Rhythms of Life

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

On Eagle's Wings

PCO Chancel Choir

Michael Joncas
arr: Edwin Earle Ferguson

Minute for Mission

MSU UKirk Trivia Night

Kent Workman

Offering

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Invitation

Offertory

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis

*Doxology #606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Michelle Nessa, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

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

*** Hymn #61**

Your Law, O Lord, Is Perfect, vs. 1-3

[Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben]

*** Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

*** Benediction Response #853**

We are Marching in the Light of God

[Siyahamba]

Postlude

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Education Time: No Adult Education. Join us for the CROP Walk at 2:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 1900 Boston Boulevard, Lansing

Next Week's Scripture: Psalm 98:1-3

Next Week's Adult Ed: Pastor Lisa will facilitate a discussion on Gun Violence: How Does Scripture Inform Our Understanding

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Snacks - Barbara Dorr & Barbara Hoevel

Our Prayer of Confession and Prayer of Illumination are adapted from *Feasting on the Word, Year A Volume 2* and *Year B Volume 1*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

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