

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
October 23, 2022
Twentieth 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: “The Dead Sea in the Middle East receives fresh water, but it has no outlet, so it doesn't pass the water out. It receives beautiful water from the rivers, and the water goes dank. I mean, it just goes bad. And that's why it is the Dead Sea. It receives and does not give. In the end generosity is the best way of becoming more, more, and more joyful.” — former South African Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Prelude

Variations on *Earth and All Stars*
1st Movement: *Loud rushing planets*
2nd Movement: *Trumpets and pipes*
3rd Movement: *Harp, lute and lyre*
4th Movement: *Knowledge and truth*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Robert J. Powell

Choral Introit

Clap Your Hands
PCO Chancel Choir

Eleanor Daley

Invitation to our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship

Sophia Juarez, Liturgist

One: O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

One: For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees in the field shall clap their hands.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

One: Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

* Hymn #26

Earth and All Stars, vs. 1, 2, 4

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: We know that we worship a God of mercy and grace, a God who wants us to live into our call as God's children. Holding this in our hearts, let us share together our communal prayer of confession, followed by a time of personal confession.

All: O God, in spite of your care and provision we find it hard to trust. We believe in our own ability over yours. We would rather find blame than offer praise. Our need for more can be insatiable. Greed tightens our hands and jealousy stifles our gratitude. So focused on what we don't have, we cannot see the miraculous gifts you have given. Forgive us, and free us to live more generous lives. *Silent confession. Amen.*

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: Hear these words of scripture: Neither death nor life, powers nor rulers, things present nor future, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

All: Believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

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

New Testament Scripture

Philippians 4:4-9

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

O God, we come as a community. A community with joys for the life you give us and the witnesses who point us to you. We come with histories and hopes, we come with anxieties and anticipation. Open our hearts, O God, that it is your voice we hear as the word is proclaimed. And as Psalm 19 declares, may the words of my mouth and the mediation of all of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and redeemer. Amen.

Old Testament Scripture

Psalm 98:4-6

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Together for Joy: Our Songs

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

Morning Trumpet

arr: Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

PCO Chancel Choir

Minute for Stewardship

Dave Detrisac

Offering Pastor Lisa Schrott
Invitation
Offertory *Fugue for the Trumpet* Francois Couperin
***Doxology #606**
***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People Sophia Juarez, Liturgist
One: Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer.

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

*** Hymn #733** *We Are All One in Mission*, vs. 1-3
[Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvoegelein]

*** Benediction** Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude *The Trumpets of Heaven* David Paxton
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Education Time: Community Response to Gun Violence with Dr. Katie O'Sullivan See. Dr. See is a Professor Emerita from the James Madison College at MSU. In addition to her academic interests <https://jmc.msu.edu/faculty-staff/facultyemeriti/see.html>, she is involved with the Greater Lansing Area Moms Demand Action and the Co-Chair of Lansing Area ALPACT (Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust).

Next Week's Education Time: Responding to Gun Violence: What Can We Do. We will consider ways we as individuals and as a church can respond to gun violence in our community. We will watch a portion of the documentary "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence" produced by the Presbyterian Disaster Agency. Award-winning 2012 film focuses on gun violence and community response.

Next Week's Scripture: Mark 4:21-32

Music Notes: Alice Parker is a prolific American composer, conductor, and educator. Her impressive educational pedigree reflects degrees in music theory, conducting, and composition from Smith College, New England Conservatory of Music, and the Julliard School. She has written five operas, numerous song-cycles, 33 cantatas, and has rediscovered and arranged over 40 Christian hymns.

Perhaps her most well-known compositions are her arrangements of spirituals, mountain hymns, and American folk songs, including this week's anthem *Morning Trumpet*. Many of these arrangements were created in collaboration with American composer and conductor Robert Shaw. Parker was the primary arranger for the Robert Shaw Chorale for over 20 years and has received national and international awards and recognitions for her contribution to the musical arts. At the age of 96, she is still working as the Artistic Director of Melodious Accord - a music non-profit organization - and lives in Hawley, Massachusetts.

Flowers: *The flowers beautifying the sanctuary today are given by Brett Cone in honor of Lynn Cone and their 30-year wedding anniversary.*

Ushers: *Richard Norton, Brett & Lynn Cone*

Greeter: *Bill & Barbara Given*

This Morning's Fellowship Team: *Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee and birthday cake to celebrate those who were born in October.*

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