The Presbyterian Church of Okemos October 30, 2022 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday and All Saints 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: "The paradox is one of our most valued spiritual possessions." Carl Jung

"The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain...When you are joyous, look deep into your heart and you shall find it is only that which has given you sorrow that is giving you joy. When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight." Khalil Gibran

Prelude Variations on *Sine Nomine* Richard Proulx

[For All the Saints]
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Choral Introit Rejoice in God's Saints

PCO Chancel Choir

Invitation to our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 46) Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

One: God is our refuge and strength,

All: a very present help in trouble.

One: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,

All: though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and

foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

One: "Be still, and know that I am God!

All: I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth."

* **Hymn** #275 A Mighty Fortress Is our God, vs. 1-4

[Ein Feste Burg]

Prayer of Confession

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

One: Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally. In gratitude for the grace given to us, and as a witness to our faith in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and each other.



All: Lord God, only you are holy. Yet we imagine that we are righteous, excusing our own faults while pointing out those of others. We are quick to lay burdens upon our neighbors, but slow to help with their own, keeping score as if our salvation depended on it. And in spite of the grace you have shown to us, we are slow to show mercy. Forgive us, O God. Remind us when we forget that we are saved through faith in you. Help us serve you with humility and joy. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

One: Righteousness 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: This is the good news of the gospel: by grace we have been saved. We are a new creation made alive in Christ. Alleluia. Amen!

Passing of the Peace

Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

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

Special Music The Church's One Foundation

arr. Jason Krug

PCO Handbell Choir Directed by Irene Shutt

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

God of light and darkness, God of joy and sorrow, we thank you for your presence in all that lives. Guide us this morning as we hear about the paradoxes that are at the heart of our lives and faith. Give us the wisdom and strength to hold opposing ideas in tension with one another and the courage to transform our deepest sorrow into a creative offering of our joy. Amen.

Scripture Mark 4:21-34 Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Sermon Together for Joy: On Joy and Sorrow
Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Special Music God Is Our Refuge Allen Pote

PCO Chancel Choir

Mark Davis and Joshua Harris, trumpet

Minute for Stewardship

David Horner

Offering Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory Chorale Prelude on Ein Feste Burg Friedrich Wilhelm Marpurg

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and Roll Call of the Saints

Pastor Lisa Schrott and Dorinda VanKempen, Liturgist

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

* Benediction Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude Voluntary on *Hymn to Joy* Michael Burkhardt

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Education Time: Responding to Gun Violence: What Can We Do? Part 1 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. This award-winning 2012 film focuses on gun violence and community response.

Next Week's Education Time: Responding to Gun Violence: What Can We Do? Part 2

Next Week's Scripture: Psalm 98:7-9

Ushers: Sue Cobbett, Jennifer Gordon, Sally Belloli

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to the Schabergs for preparing the coffee and to the Thornburgs for bringing snacks.

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