

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**November 6, 2022**  
**Twenty-Second 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 saved not by being privately perfect, but by being “part of the body,” humble links in the great chain of history. This view echoes the biblical concept of a covenant love that was granted to the Jewish people as a whole and never just to one individual like Abraham, Noah, or David.” -- Roman Catholic priest and contemplative theologian Father Richard Rohr

**Prelude** *Partita on I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table* Thomas Canning  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

**Choral Introit** *Eat This Bread*  
PCO Chancel Choir

**Invitation to our Shared Ministry** Pastor Rebekah Anderson

**Call to Worship (adapted from Isaiah 12)** Barbara Given, Liturgist

One: Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

**All: let us sing God’s praises throughout all the earth.**

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**All: from the highest peaks, to the deepest caverns.**

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**All: from the tiniest creatures, to the greatest herds.**

One: Shout aloud and sing for joy,

**All: in the midst of our joys and our sorrows. Shout aloud and sing for joy, as we come to worship the God of all creation!**

\* Hymn #401 *Here in This Place, vs. 1-4*  
[Gather Us In]

**Prayer of Confession** Barbara Given, Liturgist

One: We come to God with open and honest hearts knowing that God extends to us mercy beyond our deserving and grace beyond our ability to earn it. It is with that knowledge and desire to live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ that we confess communally and individually.

**All:** God of abundant mercy, we aspire to not just hear the word, but to live the word. We aspire to be people of hope and not fear. We aspire to live lives reflecting the abundance of God's love. Yet we know we can fall short of these aspirations. We too often fill our lives with fear - fear of scarcity, fear of boldly trusting in your promise, fear of acknowledging our need for others. Forgive us when we doubt your abundance and fail to live with generous hearts. Challenge us when we grow too comfortable with our own ways and are reluctant to embrace change. Fill us with love that is humble and patient and kind. We pray this in the name of the One who humbled himself, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**Promise of the Gospel**

Barbara Given, Liturgist

**One:** In the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and we have been raised with him to new life. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**All:** In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving. Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Passing of the Peace**

Barbara Given, 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 Lisa Schrott

**Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Eternal God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, open your word and illumine our world so that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth. Spark our imaginations, inspire may our minds, and move us to place our trust in you as we respond boldly to your call. Amen.

**Scripture**

Psalm 98:7-9

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Sermon**

*Together for Joy: Our Commitment*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Anthem:**

*You Do Not Walk Alone*

PCO Chancel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

**Minute for Stewardship**

Ellen Hoekstra

**Offering**

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

*O Bread of Life from Heaven*

Jan Bender

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is right to give both thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Communion Prayer

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

**\* Hymn #749**

*Come! Live in the Light!, vs. 1-3*

[We Are Called]

**\* Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Congregational Meeting**

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

**Education Time:** *Responding to Gun Violence: What Can We Do? Part 2*

**Next Week's Education Time:** *Responding to Gun Violence: What Can We Do? Part 3*

**Next Week's Scripture:** Acts 2:42-47

**Greeters:** *Wayne & Barbara Scott*

**Ushers:** *Doug & Jane Paterson, Tom Schaberg, Keith Camann*

**This Morning's Fellowship Team:** *Thank you to the Martins for providing snacks.*

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