

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
November 13, 2022
Twenty-third 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: “If we are honest, we might admit that too often we are satisfied with the lowest common denominator ... It is as if we expect to fail and so we set the bar low, justifying our inability to achieve such high standards of Christian community. Why are we willing to settle? Why are we so quick to consider this description of community beyond our natural reach? Maybe that is the point. On our own, left to our own devices, achieving such ideals is impossible. However, with the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called at the very least to lean into this kind of community.” -- Professor and Lutheran Pastor, Karoline M. Lewis

Prelude *Chromatic Fugue* Johann Pachelbel
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Choral Introit *As God Has Called You* Eleanor Daley
PCO Chancel Choir

Invitation to our Shared Ministry Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Call to Worship Doug Paterson, Liturgist

One: When we pass through the waters,

All: God is there with us.

One: When we suffer and feel hopeless,

All: God is there with us.

One: When we are joyful and celebratory

All: God is there with us.

One: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

All: God is there with us.

One: Come, let us worship together with Emmanuel,

All: God is with us.

* Hymn #711

Lord of All Good, vs. 1-3
[Toulon]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: On this day which God has made, which God has given to us, we pause. We consider our hearts and hands, the good we have left undone, the harm we have caused, the ways we have been complicit in tearing the fabric of community. On this day which God has made, we are loved and grace awaits us. Let us make our prayer together.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer. We know there is much that clamors to possess us: power and control; false peace and false community; fear and anger. We know that sometimes we say yes to these forces. We know, too, that you are stronger than even hate and fear and prejudice. *Silent prayer.* O God, we ask for your help. We ask for your forgiveness and we ask for your healing. We ask that you make us whole, through the love of Jesus. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: Brothers and sisters, do not lose heart. We are being renewed day by day through the grace of Christ extended to us. Our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

All: 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

Dedication of Our Commitments

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Please come forward and place your Pledge Cards, Every Member in Ministry Time and Talent Sheets and Children's Commitments in the basket at the front of the chancel.

Prayer of Dedication

Doug Paterson, Liturgist

Refrain of Praise #305

Come Sing, O Church in Joy vs. 1
[Darwall's 148th]

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word. Through the work of your Spirit we may hear your voice, which calls us into a common life of love, grace, service and generosity. Amen.

Scripture Acts 2:42-47 Pastor Lisa Schrott
Sermon *Together for Joy*
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem *Let All the People Praise* Craig Courtney
PCO Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

Offering Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Invitation

Offertory Prelude on *Darwall's 148th* Healey Willan

***Doxology** #606

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People Doug Paterson, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

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

* **Hymn** #79 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*, vs. 1-3
[Temple of Peace]

* **Benediction** Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude *A Trumpeting* Dale Wood

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Education Time: Responding to Gun Violence: What Can We Do? Part 3

Next Week's Education Time: History of the Agape Meal lead by Pastor Rebekah.

Next Week's Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and John 6:25-35

Ushers: *Gary & Trudy Sturk, Jeff & Michele Arbour*

This Morning's Fellowship Team: *Parish Life invites everyone to enjoy cake and coffee after the service to celebrate those with birthdays in November.*

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