

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
February 12, 2023
Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany



COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

- *Masking is now optional during the service (including while singing).*
- *Remember that young children may not have been vaccinated.*

Preparation: “A pastor, and a church, is not a brand. A key part of religious communities is that they are not merely a spectacle or a show but are primarily a people, a community living life together. ... A pastor and the work of local churches more broadly are tethered to a place, an institution and a particular people, with all the complexity, hilarity, struggle and mystery of their lives.” -- the Rev. Tish Harrison Warren

Prelude Variations on *O Waly, Waly* Janet Linker
[The Gift of Love]
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Choral Introit *Lead Me Lord* S. Wesley
PCO Chancel Choir

Invitation to our Shared Ministry Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship Joel Major, Liturgist

One: Christ has no body but ours; no hands, no feet on earth but ours.

All: Ours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,

One: Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good; ours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

All: Ours are the hands, ours are the feet, ours are the eyes, we are his body.

One: Christ has no body now on earth but ours.

All: Christ has no body now on earth but ours.

* **Hymn #761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*, vs. 1-4
[Beecher]

Prayer of Confession Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: In the cross of Christ, we find forgiveness and grace. Let us confess our sins to the One whose mercy endures from generation to generation.

All: Holy God, you have called us to serve others as Christ has served us. We confess that we have not followed Christ's example as fully or as often as we should. True humility eludes us, and we hide our own vulnerability before others. You have commanded us to love one another as you have loved us. We confess that we do not love so generously. Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace

and mercy of Christ. Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence; God speaks to us with grace and love, saying: You are my beloved child.

All: This is the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

Children's Worship Experience

Children ages 3-8 may depart for the Children's Worship Experience in the Chapel during the *Gloria Patri*.

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom. Enable us to hear the call of discipleship and trust not in our worthiness, but in the healing love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 4:18-22

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Mending the Nets
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

What Does the Lord Require?
PCO Chancel Choir

Dr. Eric Nelson

*What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
To do justice; love mercy; and walk humbly with your God.*

*Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Then do justice: love mercy; walk humbly with your God.*

*How shall our life fulfill God's law so high?
Let Christ endure our will with grace.*

Minute for Gratitude

Every Member in Ministry

Jill Schaberg

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Elevation

Som Paul Benoit

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Joel Major, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

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

Ordination & Installation of Deacons & Elders

Sentences of Scripture (1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 27)

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

One: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

All: To each is given gifts of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Statement on Ordination & Installation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Ordination and Installation

Clerk of Session, Dorinda VanKempen

Constitutional Questions

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

For Deacons: Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

For Ruling Elders: Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions to the Congregation

Clerk of Session, Dorinda VanKempen

One: Do we, members of the church—the body of Christ—accept Michele Arbour, Bob Boldrey, Catherine Holdway, Joel Major and Mary Schuring as deacons or elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to help lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

All: We do.

One: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions and to follow them as they help guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church?

All: We do.

Prayer of Ordination & Laying on of Hands

Pastor Lisa Schrott

All who have been ordained as Elders, Deacons or Ministers are invited to come forward to lay hands on those to be ordained and/or installed. We ask that you be masked.

Declaration of Ordination & Installation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

* **Hymn #767**

Together We Serve, vs. 1-4
[San Anselmo]

* **Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Finale (Variations on O Waly, Waly)
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Janet Linker

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Education Time: PCO is pleased to welcome jazz artist and educator Jon Gewirtz as our guest speaker. Jon, an active performer, has a master's degree in saxophone performance from MSU and teaches a variety of music classes at Olivet, Hillsdale, and LCC including music theory, music appreciation, jazz band, jazz history, and saxophone performance. Please join us following the worship service for this entertaining and informative prelude to Jazz Weekend.

Next Week's Education Time: Join us for a pancake breakfast in Fellowship Hall following the Jazz Sunday service. Sponsored by the Parish Life Committee.

Next Week's Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Ushers: Michele Arbour, Jane Paterson, Gary & Trudy Sturk

Flowers: The flowers beautifying the sanctuary today are given by the PCO staff in honor of and gratitude for all the volunteers who keep the church functioning.

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Join us for cake as we express our gratitude for all those who have shared their gifts in service of the ministry of this congregation.

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