

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
February 19, 2023
Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany
Transfiguration 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: “What makes [jazz] African American to me is the pain and suffering, the honesty about our search for truth.” — Grammy-winning trumpeter Terence Blanchard

Prelude *Over in the Gloryland* Charlie Moore & William York
The Dave Bennett Quartet
Dave Bennett, clarinet
Arlene McDaniel, piano
Ed Fedewa, bass
Ian LeVine, drums

Invitation to our Shared Ministry Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: God touches the world, and the world changes.

All: God touches us, and we are transformed.

One: In the brightest of day, in the deepest of night, on mountains, in valleys, everywhere.

All: In this time, together, we invite God to open our eyes to the transformation of our lives.

One: And through the change –

All: we worship God. Alleluia!

* **Hymn #649**

Amazing Grace, vs. 1,2,3,5
Jazz Interlude between verses 2 & 3.

Prayer of Confession Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: Sometimes we wait for God to astound us with whirlwinds of wonders, while God silently offers us grace. God waits to forgive us, so let us hold nothing back, but trust in the One who listens to our prayers and answers us with mercy.

All: God of mountaintops, the din of the world can harden our hearts to your Word. We have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. Our faith is placed in those who fail us, our trust is given to those who misplace it. Forgive us. You offer mercy to us, so we might hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, so we might know how loved we are. Caught by the surprise of your never-ending joy in us, how can we not follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

All: **By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*** Jazz Response**

Mercy, Mercy, Mercy
The Dave Bennett Quartet

Joe Zawinul

Children's Sermon

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Holy Spirit, shine your light on this Word from God. Open our hearts and minds so that your presence is revealed to us. Move in our lives, so that your radiant love transforms us into your servants, called to share your love and grace. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 17:1-9

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Hidden Figures
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Jazz Anthem

Hallelujah
The Dave Bennett Quartet

Leonard Cohen

Offering

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Invitation

Offertory

Blood Moon

Dave Bennett & Shelly Berger

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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 "...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

Breaking of the Bread

Pastors Lisa Schrott and Rebekah Anderson

Communion Prayer

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

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