

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
April 6, 2023
Maundy Thursday



COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

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

Prelude

Herzliebster Jesu
[Ah, Holy Jesus]
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Johannes Brahms
melody: Johann Crüger

Welcome

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Call to Worship

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: This is a day of remembrance for us.

All: We are nourished by the bread of life and lift up the cup of salvation as we call on the name of the Lord.

One: Throughout the generations, we have received and handed on to others what the Lord has given to us:

All: the bread of his body and the cup of the new covenant proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again.

*** Hymn #206**

This Is the Night, vs. 1, 3, 5

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: On this night of all nights, we confess the ways we disappoint, deny, and even betray Jesus, our Teacher and Lord. Our confession of sin is made in the sure knowledge that Jesus is able to wash us in forgiveness and love.

All: Holy God, you call us to feast at the table of abundant love, yet we often respond with a mindset of scarcity. We confess that we have not always followed Christ's example of invitation and welcome. True humility can elude us, and our pride can lead us to hide our own vulnerability before others. Gathered on this Holy Thursday, we confess that we are capable of denying and betraying you and one another, no less than the first disciples. Forgive us, merciful God, and cleanse us of all our sin; then guide our feet to walk with you always. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Disciples of Christ, having loved his own who were in the world, Jesus loved them to the end. Jesus knows us fully and offers love and forgiveness unconditionally.

All: We belong to God. We are held in God's love. We are made new. 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.*

*** Response #447***We Are Forgiven***Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Gracious God, feed us with your holy Word and fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Scripture

1 Kings 17:8-16

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New Testament Scripture

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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Meditation

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Special Music*What Wondrous Love is This*

Colleen Chester, soloist

Litany of Prayer for Our World

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

One: O God most high, on this night we remember Jesus gathered around the Table with those who sought to follow him and too often failed.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for the church and for all who serve others, especially those in most need.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for peace among nations and religions, and peace among people.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for those who suffer because of hatred and hard-heartedness.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for those who are injured by acts of violence or natural disaster.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: We pray for those who are sick or dying, for those who are frightened or distraught.

All: Jesus has set an example for us; help us to follow him.

One: Most holy God, in Jesus Christ, you show us that true glory is in humble service. Renew in us your call to love one another, to welcome the stranger, and to show Christ's mercy in all we do. It is for his sake that we pray. Amen.

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

Breaking of the Bread

Pastors Rebekah Anderson & Lisa Schrott

Communion Prayer

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

* **Hymn #202**

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare, vs. 1, 2, 4
[O Waly, Waly]

Stripping of the Chancel

Peter's Denial Foretold: Mark 14:26-31

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane: Mark 14:32-42

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Depart in Silence

Please join us tomorrow, April 7, at 12 Noon at Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Rd for a community Good Friday Service. Pastor Rebekah Anderson will be delivering the meditation. The service will be live streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@okemoscc/streams>

We also welcome you to join us for the Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. in the PCO Sanctuary. The service will include communion and special music from a brass quartet, the handbell choir and the chancel choir. Join us for a light Easter brunch after the service sponsored by Parish Life and for an egg hunt for children at Noon.

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Our liturgy is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume I*. Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

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