

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
May 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Eastertide
Legacy Sunday: Celebrating the 59th Birthday of PCO



Preparation: “So...be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea, You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So...get on your way!” — Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

Prelude *When in Our Music God is Glorified* Engelberg
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist Setting by Robert A. Hobby

Choral Introit *Enter His Presence* C.O. Beck
PCO Chancel Choir

Invitation to our Shared Ministry Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Call to Worship Patty Wilson, Liturgist

One: We gather, with the company of the faithful:

**All: those who know the way to the kingdom
and those who are just beginning their pilgrimage.**

One: We gather, remembering the ones we call saints:
those who made compassion their day job,

All: and those who have no day named after them.

One: We gather, praising God for all who have shaped our faith:

**All: those who showed us the dance steps of heaven,
and those who taught us to play the instruments of joy.**

* Hymn #641 *When in Our Music God is Glorified*, vs. 1, 2, 3, 5
[Engelberg]

Prayer of Confession Patty Wilson, Liturgist

One: We only have to look in the mirror, recall the hurtful words we spoke this week, remember the person in need we hurried past, to know that we are no saints. Yet like them, it is us – with our failings and foolish lives – called by God to carry the good news into the world. Let us confess our sins, that we might set them down and pick up the gospel, as we pray together, saying,

All: On this long journey we call life, Holy God, we fail to live as your people. Too often, we do not in glory shine, but dig through the garbage of life. We are too busy in our pursuits for more and more to rest in you. We prefer our own company rather than that blessed communion of your household of faith. Have mercy and forgive us, Creator of life. While we are born of dust, we are nursed by your grace, so that we might share pictures of your kingdom which is unfolding in our midst, so we might tell the stories of your wonder which wraps around us like warm shawls, and so we might sing of the One who has come to transform us from sinners into saints, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Promise of the Gospel

Patty Wilson, Liturgist

One: Do you see them, there out of the corner of your eye? The people to your right and left, in front of you as well as behind? They, like you, are God's saints – ordinary, everyday, forgiven people of God.

All: Baptized, called, gifted -- we will go to share the Christ-flame with everyone we meet, for we are God's children, forgiven and made whole. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Patty Wilson, 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

Children's Worship Experience

Children ages 3-8 may depart for the Children's Worship Experience in the Chapel after the Children's Sermon.

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.

Scripture

1 Peter 2:2-10

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Living Stones

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem*The Lord Bless You And Keep You*

John Rutter

[Traditional Irish Blessing]

PCO Chancel Choir

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
And give you peace.
Amen.*

Minute for Gratitude

Chancel Choir & Choir Scholarship Singers

Dr. Colleen Chester

Offering

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Invitation**Offertory***Communion in Christ*

Todd Kendall

Doxology #606**Prayer of Dedication**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Pastor Lisa Schrott
Pastor Rebekah Anderson

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 and Lisa Schrott

Communion Prayer

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

* Hymn #547

Go My Children, with My Blessing, vs. 1-3
[Ar Hyd Y Nos]

* Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Toccata in F Major
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Dietrick Buxtehude

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Education Time: Please join us in Fellowship Hall as PCO Choir Director Colleen Chester shares about her time at PCO and her future plans. We will also hear from and celebrate our MSU Choir Scholarship students: Amira Coleman, R.J. Kilcher, Conner Lindsey and Peyton Weil.

Ushers: *Jane Paterson, Jill Tribell, Tom Schaberg, Keith Camann*

This Morning's Fellowship Team: *Thank you to the Worship and Music Committee for the cake and punch celebrating our Chancel Choir and to Edward Ennen for preparing coffee.*

Next Week's Scripture: Acts 17:22-31

Our liturgy this morning is by the Rev. Thom M. Schuman and found on Lectionary Liturgies
<https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2019/10/all-saints-year-c.html>

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