

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**June 4th, 2023**  
**Trinity Sunday**



**Preparation:** “The Kingdom of Heaven is within ourselves. It is our innermost nature and something between ourselves. The Kingdom of Heaven is in between people, like cement.” Carl Jung

**Prelude** Partita on *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table* Thomas Canning  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

**Invitation to our Shared Ministry** Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Call to Worship** The Meland Family

One: Friends and families of every stage, come and worship the Creator.

**All: God created every cycle of life and all moments of growth: every end and every beginning.**

One: Let all people from newborn babies to older generations, come and celebrate life’s milestones with delight and awe.

**All: Whether crawling and babbling or participating with maturity, we are part of God’s family at all stages of life.**

One: Jesus knows how it feels to grow, learn, and develop through life.

**All: We follow the one who came as a baby, grew as a child, and lived as an adult.**

One: Let our hearts and minds be open to the call of discipleship, the call to serve God in heart, body, and mind.

**All: Let us worship together in heart, body, and mind. Let us be transformed by the good news of God’s love!**

\* **Hymn #1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*, vs. 1-4  
[Nicaea]

**Prayer of Confession** The Mayhew Family and the Cook Family

One: God comes to us again and again no matter what point we are at in our lives, calling us to follow in the way of grace and justice. Knowing that God will always call us to receive this gift, let us confess our sin and brokenness together.

**All: Dear God, too often we forget that we are your children. We need your love and support to guide us but we prefer to do things our way, often ignoring the ways we inflict harm. We judge the efforts and motives of others, we let jealousy lead us rather than love, and we forget what it means to see your image in every person. Forgive us. Overcome our injustice with your justice, inspire us to share what we have, not in measured and resentful amounts, but with gratitude. Help us all to see your love in the world and to delight in all of it, as children do. Help all of us to experience the power of your forgiveness so we can forgive one another and ourselves. In Jesus’s name we pray. Amen.**

**Promise of the Gospel**

The Mayhew Family and the Cook Family

One: Friends, hear this good news: God's love transforms our hearts. Forgiveness changes us!

**All: Transform our hearts, oh God!**

One: God's love for us never ends. It transforms us forever. The power of God's love and forgiveness lifts us to new life.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**Passing of the Peace**

The Mayhew Family and the Cook Family

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 Rebekah Anderson

**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 Rebekah Anderson

Gracious God, awaken our hearts, minds, and spirits to you. Give us the strength to hear your word and allow it to sink down into our innermost being to guide the way we live so that our lives can be a demonstration of our love for one another and for you. Transform our hearts and let some word of this be yours. Amen.

**Scriptures**

Matthew 18: 1-5, Luke 18:15-17

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

**Sermon**

*The Kingdom of Heaven within Us*

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

**Special Music**

*How Can I Keep From Singing?*

arr: Jennifer Lucy Cook

Laurel Boldrey, soprano

Dr. Colleen Chester, alto

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, piano

**Offering**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Invitation****Offertory**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Tune: Nicaea

Setting: M. Burkhardt

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

The Boldrey Family

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

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Communion Prayer**

\* **Hymn #487**

*These Treasured Children*, vs. 1-4  
[Puer Nobis Nascitur]

\* **Benediction**

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

**Postlude**

*All Glory Be to God on High*  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Andreas Nickolaus Vetter

\* *Please rise in body or spirit*

**This Morning's Fellowship Team:** *Thank you to Mickey Martin and Barbara Dorr for supplying our snacks and to Dave Rumminger for preparing our coffee.*

**Ushers:** *Brett Cone, Deb Major, Jane Paterson, Tom Schaberg*

**Adult Education:** *Continued discussion on the Apology for the Sin of Slavery from the PC(USA). Pastor Rebekah will lead the discussion in the chapel.*

**Next Week's Scripture and Adult Education:** We welcome Dr. Melissa Borja to PCO on June 11. Dr. Borja is a professor at the University of Michigan. Dr. Borja researches and teaches about religion, migration, race, ethnicity, and politics in the United States and the Pacific World, with special attention to how Asian American religious beliefs and practices have developed in the context of pluralism and the modern American state. She will be preaching from Matthew 25. She will also be our speaker for Adult Education.

*You are in an active recording environment, and your likeness may be captured in photographs and videos. By entering, you acknowledge giving consent to The Presbyterian Church of Okemos to take, own and use images containing your likeness at its sole discretion in perpetuity. If you do not wish to convey this consent, please contact a staff member immediately.*

*The Presbyterian Church of Okemos*  
2258 Bennett Road, Okemos, Michigan 48864  
(517) 349-9536  
Website: <https://okemospres.org>  
Email: [office@okemospres.org](mailto:office@okemospres.org)  
<https://twitter.com/okemospres>  
<https://facebook.com/OkemosPresbyterian>



*Rev. Dr. Lisa Schrott, Pastor/Head of Staff*  
*Rev. Rebekah Anderson, Associate Pastor*  
*Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organist*  
*Dr. Colleen Chester, Choir Director*  
*Irene Shutt, Handbell Choir Director*  
*Edward Ennen, Sexton*  
*Anna Thiel, Office Manager*