

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
June 18th, 2023
Third Sunday After Pentecost



Preparation: “A Christian vision of belonging is also a giving up of control. We have been invited into the life of a God who invites people we would prefer God would not invite. That reality of a wild God who continues to draw people together who we would prefer not to be together, is where the real challenge of the Christian witness of belonging lies.” -- Rev. Dr. Eric Barreto

Prelude *Sinfonia* Henry Purcell
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist (1659-1695)

Invitation to our Shared Ministry Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship Stephanie Nawyn, Liturgist

One: Listen! Listen for the voice of God, naming us all: Holy. Beloved. Cherished. Valued.

All: We believe you delight in us!

One: Make us people who recognize and proclaim your beauty and goodness in unexpected places.

All: Surprise us. Challenge us. Transform us.

One: We trust in you, Holy One, to reveal to us the sacredness of every life, of every way of being, of every physical manifestation of your Spirit.

All: May it be so! Let us worship you, the God of welcome and possibility.

* **Hymn #301** *Let Us Build a House*, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5
[All Are Welcome]

Prayer of Confession Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We cannot earn God’s grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God’s love for us, we confess our sins in faith.

All: Merciful God, although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste to the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

Promise of the Gospel Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear— for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us. Believe the promise of your baptism: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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 after the Children's Sermon. Leaders: Barbara Fretwell-Cooke and David Cook

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Loving God, as we hear your Word this day, send your Spirit to equip and inspire us, that your grace-filled hospitality may be the center of our lives and the call to our hearts. Amen.

Scriptures

Acts 10: 34-36; 44-48

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon*Belonging: Who is Invited and Welcomed?*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Affirmation of Faith (adapted from *The Immigrant's Creed* by José Luis Casa) (in unison)

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races. I believe that the church is the secure home for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose. I believe that the communion of the saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints. I believe in the forgiveness of sin, which makes us all equal, and in reconciliation, which identifies us more than does race, language, or nationality. I believe that in the resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time. Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal in which no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's kingdom, which will never end. Amen.

Special Music*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Matt Pearson, tenor

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Minute for Gratitude*Global Institute of Lansing*

Paula Frantz

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation**Offertory**Interlude from *Dioclesian*

Purcell

Doxology #606**Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Stephanie Nawyn, Ligurgist

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

* **Hymn #767**

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

* **Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Purcell

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to the Parish Life Committee for supplying birthday cake as we celebrate our June birthdays and to Edward Ennen for preparing coffee.

Ushers: *Ron & Barbara Dorr, Morrie & Barbara Hoevel*

Adult Education: As we prepare to recognize World Refugee Week, Stephanie Nawyn will lead a discussion on Welcoming the New Neighbor.

Next Week's Scripture: Ruth 1:1-5, 7-8, 14-22; 4: 13-17

The Call to Worship is adapted from Ordinary Worship Settings at *Enfleshed*. Available online at <https://enfleshed.com/liturgy/ordinaryworshipsettings/> The Prayer of Confession and the Affirmation of Faith are from the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2018. The Prayer of Illumination is adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1*, Westminster John Knox Press, 2013

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