

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
July 16, 2023
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



Preparation: “Our bodies are the texts that carry the memories and therefore remembering is no less than reincarnation.” Rev. Dr. Katie Cannon

“And what desert greater shall there be than that which lies in the courage and the confidence, nay the charity, of receiving?” Khalil Gibran

Prelude

Sing Praise to God
Based on the tune *Mit Freuden Zart*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Emma Lou Diener

Invitation to our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 9)

John Thornburg, Liturgist

One: I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart; I will talk about all your wonderful acts.

All: I will celebrate and rejoice in you; I will sing praises to your name, Most High.

One: You, Lord, rule forever! You assume the throne for the sake of justice.

All: You will establish justice in the world rightly. You will judge all people fairly.

One: You, Lord, are a safe place for the oppressed—a safe place in difficult times.

All: Those who know your name trust you.

One: You have not abandoned any who seek you, Lord.

All: We sing praises to you O Lord, who lives in Zion! We proclaim your mighty acts among all people!

* **Hymn #645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above, vs. 1-4
[Mit Freuden Zart]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: There is nothing, nothing, which can divide us – in life and death - from God. So we come to the font of blessing to confess our faults and failings, so we may be touched by the healing power of God. Join me as we pray together, saying,

All: We want to touch the hem of your garment, O God. Forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope. We want to love the whole world: forgive us for ignoring our neighbor. We want to share with those we love and like: forgive us for walking past those who need you most. Give us grace: to touch those who frighten us; to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry; to offer the blessings of the kingdom to everyone we meet, even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Listen to the Good News! Hope in God, for God's love has no ending. The waters never run dry. God fills us with grace and hope, this day, and forever.

All: God hears our voice, and listens to our prayers, redeeming us from all our sins. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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.*

* Act of Praise #581

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Loving God, you show us the depth of your love in many ways. You listen to our pain, you see the fear in our eyes, and you do not turn from our distress, but reach out your hand to heal and comfort us. By the power of your Spirit, speak your word to us this morning. Bring us to the depths of your love and show us who you are calling us to be. Let some word of this be yours. Amen.

Scriptures

Mark 5:21-34

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Sermon

Moments of Connection
Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Commissioning of the Youth Mission Team to Chicago

Presbyterian Church of Okemos: Becca Boldrey, Sophia Jildeh, Alex Juarez, Sophia Juarez, Lucas Meland and Maddie Pearson

First Presbyterian Church Holt: Norah Brand, Erin Burcham, Madalyn Gleason and Sophie Miller

Offering

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Invitation

Offertory

Land of Rest
American Folk Hymn

Sam Batt Owens

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

John Thornburg, Liturgist

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

* Hymn #796

We Come to You for Healing, Lord, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5
[Land of Rest]

* **Benediction**

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Postlude

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Harald Rohlig

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

** Please rise in body or spirit*

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

This Morning's Fellowship Team: *Thank you to Parish Life for supplying a birthday cake to celebrate members and friends born in July and to the Cones for preparing coffee. During the summer we can use more volunteers to make our after-worship Fellowship Time welcoming. Please check the sign-up lists on the kiosk for coffee making/clean-up and providing light snacks.*

Adult Education: The Mission Team who went to the Simbolei Academy in Iten, Kenya will share their experiences of meeting with the students, learning more about the mission of the school and about the country of Kenya.

Next Week's Scripture: Genesis 29:15-28

Next Week's Adult Education: Pastor Lisa continues a 4-week Bible study on the last book of the New Testament, the book of Revelation. Why has this book received so much attention in the media and yet many of us don't understand what is actually written in the scripture? On July 23, we will look at an overview of Chapters 1-11.

The Prayer of Confession and Assurance of the Gospel are adapted from Thom M. Shuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*. Available online at <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2021/06/liturgy-wcommunion-for-june-27-2021.html>

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