

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
September 3, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Preparation: "We all have different gifts, so we all have different ways of saying to the world who we are." -- Fred Rogers

Prelude *Partita V Preambulum* J.S. Bach
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

Invitation to our Shared Ministry Pastor Lisa Schrott

Call to Worship Siri Rainone, Liturgist

One: We are called to be people of faith in the midst of the world,

All: and so we mix our worship and our work, our faith and our life.

One: We gather here as people who live in the world and yet,

All: we gather as people who have been called to see the world from a different viewpoint.

One: God has called us together to be part of a community.

All: Let us worship God together.

* **Hymn #409** *God Is Here!*, vs. 1-4
[Abbot's Leigh]

Prayer of Confession Siri Rainone, Liturgist

One: The apostle Paul tells us not to be conformed to this world, but be transformed to live as the body of Christ in the world. Yet it is too easy for us to adopt the attitudes of the world around us and to let our lives be shaped by the culture rather than by God's call on our life. With praise that we worship a God of abundant mercy and grace, let us confess our sin before God and each other.

All: God of mercy, we confess how often we think of our own interests first—more concerned with our own status and well-being than with the well-being of others. Lord, in your mercy, hear and forgive us. We confess that we have not always treated one another as valued members of your body, the Church; that we have allowed intolerance and resentment to tear us apart. Lord, in Your mercy, hear and forgive us. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, transform us. Change us from the inside out, so that our words and our lives would bring honor and glory to you, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel Siri Rainone, Liturgist

One: Who has the right to judge us? Only Christ. Yet Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us, Christ reigns in power over us - Christ even prays for us! Hear these words of scripture:

All: Neither death nor life, powers nor rulers, things present nor future, nor anything else in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Believe the Good News, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Siri Rainone, 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

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Spirit God, your word speaks to our heart across all ages and places. We are listening for your love; we are seeking your wisdom; we are looking for your light. Speak to us this day so minds may be renewed and we may respond in faith. Amen.

Scripture

Romans 12:1-8
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Belonging to Each Other: Our Gifts
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Shall We Gather At the River

arr: Greg Howlett

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

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

Communion Prayer

* **Hymn #716**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, vs. 1-3
[Beach Spring]

* **Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Toccata
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

P.T. Parisi

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Ron and Barbara Dorr for supplying snacks and to Edward Ennen for preparing the coffee.

Ushers: Jill Tribell, Tom Schaberg, Keith Camann

Adult Education: There will be no adult education this week. Please enjoy your Labor Day weekend.

Next Week's Scriptures: Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-10

Next Week's Adult Education: Fall Kick-off Sunday! Join us as we hear from some of the youth who attended the mission trip to Chicago. Stay for lunch as we feature Chicago-styled hot dogs and pizza.

The Call to Worship is adapted liturgy by Rev. Gord on from his blog Worship Offerings. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>. The Prayer of Confession and Promise of the Gospel are adapted from *Re:Worship. Scripturally-based Resources for Worship Planners and Leaders* and can be found at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/08/prayer-of-confession-august-21-2011.html>

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