

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
November 12, 2023
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Dedication Sunday



Preparation: “Gratitude flows from the recognition that who we are and what we have are gifts to be received and shared. Gratitude releases from the bonds of obligation and prepares us to offer ourselves freely and fully for the work of the kingdom.” -- Priest and theologian Henri Nouwen

Prelude *Organ Sonata II* Felix Mendelssohn
Grave
Adagio
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Choral Introit *Make Me To Know Thy Ways, O Lord*
PCO Chancel Choir

Invitation to our Shared Ministry Rebecca Mattern

Call to Worship Jay Wilson, Liturgist

One: Come and worship the one who wants your all.

All: We come to worship the one who offers all.

One: Come and worship with all your heart and soul and mind and strength.

All: We come and offer all that we have and all that we are in worship and in service.

One: Come and be blessed and pour yourself out in worship.

All: We will worship wholeheartedly and with joy.

* **Hymn #711** *Lord of All Good*, vs. 1-3
[Toulon]

Prayer of Confession Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ’s faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life’s end. Although we fail to always fulfill those baptismal vows, God’s faithful love endures forever. Confident of God’s grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

All: God of mercy, in you we have received abundance: creation that overflows with beauty and provisions; a great cloud of witnesses to teach and nurture us; unmerited grace upon grace; and love whose depth knows no bound. And yet, sometimes we get stuck thinking that we have so little and that if we just had more stuff, more security, and more achievements our lives would have more meaning. Forgive us Lord for our selfishness. Forgive us for the ways we cling to our independence. Help us rest in the daily bread we receive. May we face the world with hope, love, and faith, trusting you to provide. In Christ’s name we pray. (Moment of silence for personal confession) Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Because we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are also raised to life with him.
Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

Rebecca Mattern

Dedication of Our Commitments

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Please come forward and place your Pledge Cards and Every Member in Ministry Time and Talent Sheets in the basket at the front of the chancel.

Prayer of Dedication

Patty Wilson
Chair of Stewardship Committee

Hymn of Praise #717

For the Life That You Have Given
[Pleading Savior]

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Open us, O Spirit, to the holy word of life. Tell us who we are and to whom we belong so that we may live with gratitude for all that you have done. Amen.

Scripture

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Sermon

Gratitude to God
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Affirmation of Faith *(from the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith 11.4-11.6)*

in unison

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

Anthem

Verleih uns Frieden (Grant Us Peace)
PCO Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

Offering

Invitation

Rebecca Mattern

Offertory

A Prayer for Peace

David Maxwell

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Rebecca Mattern

Prayers of the People

Jay Wilson, liturgist

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

in unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Hymn #708

We Give Thee But Thine Own, vs. 1-4

[Schumann]

* **Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

Allegro Maestoso

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Adult Ed: PCO Out On the Town. Join us as we attend the lecture at The Peoples Church by Kristin Kobes Du Mez. Her lecture is titled 'Jesus & John Wayne and the Evangelical Reckoning. Du Mez's work and research relates to Christian Nationalism, the history and influence of evangelicalism in American Christianity, culture, gender, politics and society, and more. The lecture is free and begins at 1:00 p.m.

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Birthday Cake Sunday! Celebrate our November birthdays with a piece of cake in Fellowship Hall after the service. Thank you to Parish Life for supplying the cake and to Nancy Kanistinaux for taking care of the coffee.

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk, Jeff & Michele Arbour

Next Week November 19, 2023

Agape Meal: We will be gathered around tables as we are fed by the word of God and fellowship with each other.

Scripture: Genesis 18:1-8 and 1 John 4:7-21

Education Hour: History of the Agape Meal and sermon talk back by Rebecca Mattern.

Our Call to Worship was written by Rev. Dr. Derek C. Weber, Director of Preaching Ministries, Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church. The Affirmation of Faith is from *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Part I. Book of Confessions. Office of the General Assembly 2016.*

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