

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent



Gathering As a People of God

Prelude

Cantilena

Josef Rheinberger

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

Choral Introit

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Rebecca Mattern

* **Call to Worship** (from Psalm 145:13-18, 21 CEB)

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Your kingdom is a kingship that lasts forever; your rule endures for all generations.

All: The Lord is trustworthy in all that God says and faithful in all that God does.

One: The Lord supports all who fall down, straightens up all who are bent low.

All: All eyes look to you, hoping, and you give them their food right on time,

One: opening your hand and satisfying the desire of every living thing.

All: The Lord is righteous in all God's ways, faithful in all God's deeds.

One: The Lord is close to everyone who calls out, to all who call out sincerely.

All: My mouth will proclaim the Lord's praise, and every living thing will bless God's holy name forever and always.

* **Hymn #42**

Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure, vs. 1-4

[Psalm 145, Winchester New]

Prayer of Confession

Rebecca Mattern

One: God promises to love us and forgive us, not because we are righteous or law-abiding, but simply because we are. Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

All: Ever Loving God, we confess that too often we forget to seek you and the ways you call us to be in the world. We fail to proclaim your praise, and too often live for our own glory. And sometimes we forget that you create us in love and in your image and instead think we are unworthy of you and unworthy of care. We consume goods and services and neglect to recognize the impact our greed has on others, and on your creation. Call us back to you, Holy One, and give us courage to glorify you, to serve you in our daily lives, and to work for justice, freedom, and peace for all. *Silent prayer.* Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

One: Come, all you who are thirsty. If you take the first step, if you are willing to plunge once again into the waters and to emerge into new life, you will receive a love beyond all you can envision.

All: We turn our hearts to God, and by grace our hungers are satisfied, our thirsts are sated; through Christ we are made whole; by the Spirit we are led forth as God's people. 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

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

Gracious God, we do not live by mere bread. Let the heavenly food of the scripture we are about to hear nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ. Amen

Children's Message

Rebecca Mattern

Old Testament Scripture

1 Samuel 21:1-6

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

New Testament Scripture

Luke 6:1-5

Rebecca Mattern

Sermon

Feasting in the Fields

Rebecca Mattern

Anthem

Oh! For A Closer Walk With God

C.V. Stanford

Responding to the Word

* **Affirmation of Faith** (from "A Brief Statement of Faith")

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

Room, art in the Art Room, labyrinths (body) in the Board Room, and written word in the Kehde Chapel. You are invited to use one room each week and encouraged to spend at least 30 minutes. You are welcome to return to Fellowship Hall if you would like to process your experience in a prayer station with others.

Ushers: Brett and Lynn Cone, Deb and Joel Major

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Marlene Brewbaker and Shirley Rumminger for supplying our snacks and to the Cones and Nancy Kanistanaux for taking care of the coffee.

Next Week March 3, 2024

Scripture: Luke 5:27-32

Youth Soup and Bowl Auction

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