

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**May 5, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**



**Celebrating 60 Years as a Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**

**Gathering As a People of God**

**Prelude** *Praise the Lord With Drums and Cymbals* Siegfried Karl-Elert  
Organ arr: Sondra K Tucker  
Brass Ensemble

**Choral Introit** *O Taste and See* Eleanor Daley  
PCO Chancel Choir  
MSU Octet

**Setting the Table** Connor and Evan Haskel

**Invitation to Our Shared Ministry** Pastor Lisa Schrott

\* **Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 90) Jill Tribell, Charter member of PCO

One: Lord, you have been our refuge

**All: from one generation to another.**

One: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the sea were born,

**All: from age to age you are God.**

One: Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning, so we shall rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

**All: May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper the work of our hands.**

\* **Hymn #826** *Lift High the Cross*, vs. 1-4 setting: Cathy A. Moklebust  
(interlude between vs. 3 & 4)  
[Crucifer]

**Prayer of Confession** Rebecca Mattern

One: Acknowledging the unity we have in Christ, let us confess with open hearts both our fear and our hope, trusting in God's abundant mercy.

**All: God of grace, in Jesus Christ you have broken down our divisions, accomplished our unity, and given us in love to one another. In humility, we confess our reluctance to welcome your gifts, to let go of our differences and accept each other. In every way, we are creatures of earth, fearful of change, even as we yearn for the new things you are doing among us. Forgive us, gracious God, and set us free to**

**embrace each other in your love. In confidence, we confess our hope that your love can transform us and free us to serve joyfully.** (silent prayer) Amen.

**Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace**

Rebecca Mattern

One: Remember your baptism and be thankful! Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

One: For to this peace we are called as members of a single body. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.** *Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.*

**\* Act of Praise #581**

*Gloria Patri*

**Children's Message**

Rebecca Mattern

**Litany of Thanksgiving**

Rev. Alice Fleming Townley

One: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, hear our prayer. For the Church universal, and for this congregation of your people,

**All: We give you thanks, O God.**

One: For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer, witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord; for your presence among us whenever your word has been proclaimed, your sacramental gifts of bread and cup shared,

**All: We give you thanks, O God.**

One: For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who in this place were buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to new and eternal life; for disciples young and old who have been nurtured here in faith,

**All: We give you thanks, O God.**

One: For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us, and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry; for faithful stewards among us who have lived for others, serving you by loving neighbors; for all the saints who have stood among us, whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,

**All: We give you thanks, O God.**

One: Receive our gratitude, Holy God, for the years through which you have led us, and open us to the future you promise. In the years that lie ahead, grant us your encouragement in the work of ministry, your consolation in our defeats, and your challenge to our complacency. Give us such trust in your abiding Holy Spirit, that we may find joy and peace in our common life and hope in the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Special Music**

*Acclamation of Praise (St. Anne and Old 100th)*

arr: Joel Raney

PCO Handbell Choir

Organ

## The Word

### Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Speak to us, living God, as you have spoken to our ancestors: through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your Spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

### Scripture Reading

John 21:15-19

Pastor Lisa Schrott

### Sermon

*Tending & Feeding*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

### \* Affirmation of Faith

Mission Statement of PCO

in unison

**As members of The Presbyterian Church of Okemos,  
We believe that in life, in death, and life beyond death,  
We belong to God.**

**The Church exists to invite everyone to join the lifelong journey of faith that is life  
in Jesus Christ.**

**Through worship that glorifies God,  
Study that seeks to understand God,**

**Service to a world that needs God,**

**We desire to build a network of caring relationships**

**Between families, friends, and strangers**

**By offering welcome, healing, justice and peace to all in the name of Jesus Christ.**

### Anthem

*Antiphon*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

PCO Chancel Choir  
MSU Octet, Brass Ensemble

*(Refrain)* Let all the world in every corner sing  
My God and King!

The heavens are not too high  
His praise may thither fly:  
The earth is not too low  
His praises there may grow *(refrain)*

The church with Psalms must shout  
No door can keep them out:  
But above all, the heart  
Must bear the longest part. *(refrain)*

## Responding to the Word

### Minute for Gratitude

CROP Walk

Kent Workman

Larry Conover, Church World Service

### Offering

Rebecca Mattern

#### Invitation

#### Offertory

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Emma Lou Diener

#### \*Doxology #606

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

## Holy Communion

### Invitation

Pastor Lisa Schrott

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rebecca Mattern

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

**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.**

### Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Lisa Schrott

### Communion of the People

Communion will be served by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip into the cup of juice. The bread is gluten, soy, nut and dairy free so all may partake together.

### Communion Prayer

Pastor Lisa Schrott

## Sent Out As a People of God

\* Hymn # 687

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*, vs. 1-6

[St. Anne]

Psalm 90

\* **Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

### Postlude

*Toccata*

Eugene Gigout

Organ

\* *Please rise in body or spirit*

**Adult Education Time:** There is no adult education. Enjoy a time of extended fellowship.

**Ushers:** Jayne Zuhlke, Jill Tribell, Tom Schaberg, Keith Camann

**This Morning's Fellowship Team:** Thank you to Parish Life for supplying our snacks and to Edward Ennen and Wayne Scott for taking care of the coffee.

**Next Week May 12, 2024: Ascension Sunday**

**Scripture:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

**Adult Education Time:** Presbyterian 101 and New Member Class

The liturgy this morning is from the PC(USA) *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster John Knox Press; 2018.

*The Presbyterian Church of Okemos thanks the following musicians  
for enhancing our worship service today.*

**Organ**

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

**Chancel Choir**

Director: Westin Sorrel

Jim Boyer	Tyrell Harris*	Helen Taylor
Julie Boyer	Nancy Kanistanaux	Ewen Todd
Eleanor Barbour*	Doug Paterson	Gary VanKempen
Amira Coleman*	Matthew Pearson	Ben Yoder*
Barbara Fretwell-Cooke	Kathy Richardson	Paula Zichi
Laurie Harkema	Irene Shutt	

**Handbell Choir**

Director : Irene Shutt

Sally Belloli	Lou Cravotta	Lydia Morgan
Jeff Conroy-Krutz	Barbara Fretwell-Cooke	Carolyn Sherrill
David Cook	Betty Grzesiak	Kathleen Shutt
Kathi Cook	Beth Layhe	Helen Taylor
Linda Cravotta	Saray Mayhew	Ewen Todd

**MSU Octet**

Amira Coleman  
Jamie Eagle  
Troy Forbush  
Eric Frost  
Cole Harvey  
Taylor Mills  
Erika Senecal  
Kellin Tasber

**Brass Ensemble**

Austin Blower - Trombone  
Shania Cordoba - Trumpet  
Ian Graves - Tuba  
Jennifer Ornelas- Horn  
Jose Vela - Trumpet

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