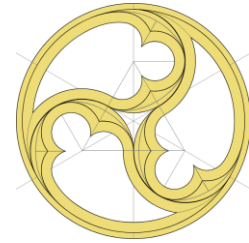


The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

May 26, 2024

First Sunday After Pentecost

Trinity Sunday



Preparation: “Transitions can only take place if we are willing to let go of what we have known, the worlds we have created, and our assumptions about “how things are.” To let go is the precursor to being reborn. We discard the baggage of societal expectations and, like a morning glory, open to the possibilities of each new day, each new moment, even if those possibilities are shadowy and disorientating.” – Writer and theologian, the Rev. Dr. Barbara Holmes

Gathering As a People of God

Prelude

All Glory Be to God on High

Allein Gott in der Höb

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

arr: Andreas Nicolaus Vetter

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

*** Call to Worship** (Adapted from Psalm 29)

Jennifer Gordon, liturgist

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

All: worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

All: the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

All: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

One: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

All: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

One: May the Lord give strength to his people!

All: May the Lord bless God’s people with peace!

*** Hymn #1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!, vs. 1-4

[Nicaea]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The separation we feel from God’s Spirit is not our ultimate reality. Acknowledging those things that distract us from God’s call on our lives can re-center our work, our play, and the flourishing of the community. Let us confess that which we may need to acknowledge in order that we may live fully.

All: God of mercy, for times we embrace war when you call for peace. Forgive us. For times we dehumanize our neighbor instead of loving them. Forgive us. For times we serve powers and principalities rather than you, our Servant Savior. Forgive us. For times we domesticate you to our national or tribal identities. Forgive us. For selectively hearing your good news of grace for us without considering the same for

others. Forgive us. For seeing ourselves less than the full person you created in beauty with delight. Forgive us and grant us peace. (silent prayer) Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

One: With joy, let us share that peace with one another. 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

Jennifer Gordon, liturgist

May these words read be the soil from which the mystery of your presence in our world and in our lives may emerge. May your wisdom flower within the yet still broken vessels of our flesh that, body and spirit, we may flourish with you in joy in order that the world, the very cosmos, may be born again.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV)

Jennifer Gordon, liturgist

Children’s Message

Pastor Lisa Schrott

New Testament Reading

John 3:1-8

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Born of the Spirit

Pastor Lisa Schrott

***Affirmation of Faith** (from the Nicene Creed)

in unison

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Special Music

The Lord’s Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Dr. Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, cello

Laurie Harkema, piano

Responding to the Word

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott

arr: Donald John's

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Jennifer Gordon, 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.

Sent Out As a People of God

*** Hymn #539**

We Will Go Out with Joy, vs. 1-3

*** Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Postlude in G

Henry Kihlken

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Education Time: There is no children, youth or adult education this morning. Enjoy an extended time of fellowship and your Memorial Day Weekend!

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Barbara Hoevel and Shirley Rumminger for supplying snacks this morning and to Tom Schaberg and Nancy Kanistanaux for taking care of the coffee.

Next Week June 2, 2024: Second Sunday after Pentecost/Worship with Holy Communion

Graduate & Handbell Choir Recognition Sunday

Scripture: Exodus 13:17-21

Adult Education: Laurie Hereza from Michigan Refugee Hope

The liturgy is adapted from words by the Rev. Kyle Walker for Trinity Sunday. It is provided by the Presbyterian Outlook and available online at <https://images.pres-outlook.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Outlook-Order-of-Worship-Trinity-Sunday.pdf>. The Affirmation of Faith is from The Nicene Creed 1.3 from the *PC(USA) Book of Confessions*, Westminster John Knox, 2016.

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