

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
June 2, 2024
Second Sunday After Pentecost



Preparation: “... research related to curious people show that one of the most important components of curiosity is tolerance of uncertainty. In other words, they are the ones who can be uncomfortable and ask the questions.” – Maggie Johnson, Author of *Uncertain: The Wisdom and Wonder of Being Unsure*, 2023

Gathering As a People of God

Prelude

Voluntary on Hymn to Joy
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Michael Burkhardt

Setting the Table

Nina and Emma Royo

Introit

I've Got Joy
PCO Handbell Choir
Irene Shutt, Director

Arr. by Valerie Stephenson

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

***Opening Sentences**

Jill Schaberg, liturgist

One: We are about to embark on a journey in the next four weeks. It is a journey about journeying, about traveling as a spiritual act. Whether you travel far away or simply begin to see our local surroundings as if for the first time, “pilgrimage” has long been a spiritual practice, and “journey” a deeply-felt metaphor for our spiritual lives. “Quest” comes from the Latin root meaning “ask” and “seek.” During this season our worship will encourage us to open ourselves more fully to the curiosity and wonder, reflection and transformation that travelers—not merely tourists—experience.

All: **Leaving home, we set our seeing, on a quest for deeper meaning. What we find can change us for the love of all the creation and its beings.**

One: The Spirit of our sojourning God exists everywhere, on every path, inviting us to move with curiosity and compassion toward each other.

All: **Give us courage to leave the familiar, to venture out beyond our walls, taking leave so that we will see with wider vision, know with deeper appreciation, and exist with expanded perception.**

*** Hymn #611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee, vs. 1-3
[Ode to Joy]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The water of this blue planet connects us all, no matter where we live on earth. Water is life. All beings need life-giving water. We know this water to also be a sign of our faith. It is the water that the Israelites crossed in order to move toward freedom. It is the water that we encounter in our baptism that moves us forward into discipleship with Christ. Let us pray:

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, through what we have done and left undone. Forgive us when we turn away. Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love. Lead us to travel in your ways. (silent prayer) Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: At the moment of despair and unknowing, Jesus appeared to the disciples on the road. He is our constant companion and always invites us to break open our lives and receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

One: It is as a forgiven people that we share the peace of Christ. 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

The Word**Prayer of Illumination**

Jill Schaberg, liturgist

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.

Children's Message

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Ritual of TransitionEnd of School Year Blessing
Graduation Blessing

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Scripture Reading

Exodus 13: 17-21

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon*Leaving Home*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Special Music*Down by the Riverside*
PCO Handbell Choir

Arr. by Valerie Stephenson

Responding to the Word

Minute for Gratitude

Handbell Choir

Irene Shutt

Offering

Jill Schaberg, liturgist

Invitation

Offertory

Let Us Break Bread

Charles Callahan
African-American Spiritual

*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

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

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

Sent Out As a People of God

* Hymn #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, vs. 1-3
(CWM Rhondda)

* Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

John Stanley

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Education Time: Sunday School for children and youth is on break for the summer. All are welcome to attend Education Hour in Fellowship Hall. Today we welcome Maya Crawford from Edgewood Village. The mission at Edgewood is to empower low-income households by providing access to affordable housing, educational opportunities, and community programming. Edgewood Village is a long-time mission partner of PCO, originally founded by the Rev. John Duley.

Ushers: Jane Paterson, Jill Tribell, Tom Schaberg, Keith Camann

Flowers: The flowers beautifying our sanctuary today are given by Steve and Sarah Mayhew in honor of the graduates this year, and in gratitude to the church for all it's done for them!

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Christian Education Children & Youth Committee for providing cake to recognize our graduates and to the Haskel family for providing snacks. Thank you to Tom Schaberg and Wayne Scott for taking care of the coffee.

MUSIC NOTES - HAPPY 200th ANNIVERSARY

Two hundred years ago on May 7th, 1824, Beethoven's 9th Symphony was premiered in Vienna. Known as the "Choral" Symphony it was the first example of the use of vocal parts, chorus and soloists, in a symphony. Based on Schiller's "Ode to Joy" poem, the famous melody of the final movement has become one of the most recognizable and beloved hymn tunes, Joyful, We Adore Thee.

The prelude for this morning by Michael Burkhardt is based on Beethoven's Ode to Joy melody and John Stanley's Voluntary IX.

Next Week June 9, 2024: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Educator Recognition Sunday & Commissioning of the Intergenerational Mission Team

Scripture: John 4: 7-30

Adult Education: Sarah Clinkscales from End Violent Encounters (EVE) will present.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship on June 9 for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

The graphic and the liturgy this morning is adapted from *Quest* by Dr. Marcia McFee at Worship Design Studio www.worshipdesignstudio.com/quest.

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