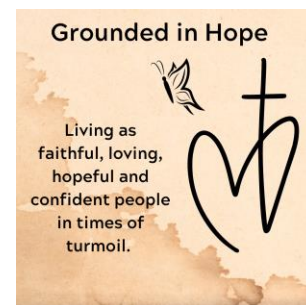


**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
October 13, 2024
Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost**



Preparation: “Scripture offers us not one but several hopes for the future.” There is the hope of freedom after slavery. There is the hope of homecoming after exile. There is the hope of reconciliation after estrangement. There is the hope of community being formed from strangers. There is the hope of the outcast being welcomed to the table. There is the hope of new life after death. – Quote and paraphrase of Rev. Dr. Shirley Guthrie, *Christian Doctrine*, 1994

Gathering As a People of God

Prelude

Trumpet Sonata
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

Henry Purcell

Choral Introit

Hear Thou Our Prayer
PCO Chancel Choir

Lighting the Candles

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Rebecca Mattern

*** Call to Worship** (Adapted from Psalm 145)

Linda Cravotta, liturgist

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The Lord is good to all and has compassion over all of creation.

One: All the faithful shall bless the Lord

All: and make known to all people the Lord’s mighty deeds.

One: The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

All: The Lord is near to all who call.

One: The Lord hears their cry and saves them.

All: Let us worship our God of grace and mercy.

*** Hymn #262**

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus, vs. 1-4

[All Saints]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Jesus calls us to love God through worship and through loving our neighbor. Yet we know that this can be difficult in the best of times and even more challenging in our current world. As an act of worship, we come before God with open and confessing hearts and with full assurance of mercy.

All: Lord, forgive us. We are blind to our own brokenness, yet focused on the failings of others. We can be deaf to the cries of those who need us and numb to the need of those who hurt. We are silent when words are needed and afraid to lead when action is required. We often neglect to show hospitality to strangers and we withhold the

grace and mercy that you give us so freely. Forgive us. Pour out your grace upon us. Speak life and forgiveness to our weary souls. In Jesus' name we pray. (Silent confession.) Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: God's streams of mercy are never ending. The waters of forgiveness pour over us like a waterfall. The abundant mercy and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ make all things new. In Christ we are a new creation, forgiven to love and serve the Lord.

All: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

One: Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Now extend this same grace to your neighbors around you. May the peace of the Lord be with you.

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

* **Act of Praise #582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

God of possibility, you have spoken hope to us through the gift of your Son. You know the words we need to hear to be grounded in this hope. Open our eyes to see the new light of this day and open our hearts to believe the Good News. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5: 6-7; 10-16

Rebecca Mattern

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Grounded in Hope: The Throne of Grace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

Thou Knowest, Lord, The Secrets of Our Hearts
PCO Chancel Choir

Henry Purcell

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not at our last hour,
For any pains of death to fall away from Thee.

Responding to the Word

Minute for Stewardship: Impact of Hope

Congregational Care & Life

Nadine Roy

Offering

Rebecca Mattern

Invitation

Offertory

In Babilone

Michael Bedford

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Linda Cravotta, liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

This is an ecumenical version of the Lord's Prayer. We invite you to recite the version of the Lord's Prayer that is closest to your heart.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Sent Out As a People of God

*** Hymn #435**

There's A Wideness in God's Mercy, vs. 1-2
[In Babilone]

*** Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

Henry Purcell

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: Jeff Arbour, Gary & Trudy Sturk, Jayne Zuhlke

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Edward Ennen and Dave Rumminger for taking care of the coffee, and to Barbara Dorr and Becky Gillespie for bringing refreshments.

Education Hour:

Children through 4th grade: Room 116
Middle School Youth 5th-8th grade: Middle School Room (107)
Confirmation class in Temple Room
No Youth or Adult Education

Next Week October 20, 2024: Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Education Hour:

Children through 4th grade: Room 116
Middle School Youth 5th-8th grade: Middle School Room (107)
Intergenerational Bible Study for Youth and Adults: Board Room
Digging Deeper into Hebrews: Temple Room
Eastminster Presbyterian Church: Fellowship Hall

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