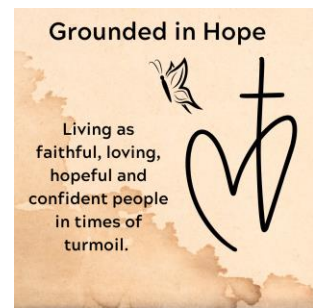


**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**November 17, 2024**  
**Twenty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Celebration of the Reign of Christ**



**Preparation:** “This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” -- Hebrews 8:10

**Gathering As a People of God**

**Prelude**

*Adoration*

Florence B. Price

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

**Lighting the Candles**

**Choral Introit**

*Enter His Presence*

PCO Chancel Choir

**Invitation to Our Shared Ministry**

Rebecca Mattern

**\* Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 93)

Chandra Juarez, liturgist

One: Praise to God who reigns. The Lord is king and is robed in majesty.

**All: The Lord is girded with strength.**

One: The Lord has established the world; it shall never be moved.

**All: The Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.**

One: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea.

**All: Majestic on high is the Lord!**

**\* Hymn #363**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*, vs. 1-4

[Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>]

**Prayer of Confession**

Rebecca Mattern

One: Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us confess before God and each other:

**All: You, Lord, invite us into relationship, but relationships are messy and hard work, so we turn you into an idea instead. You, Lord, invite us to trust and come in, and yet we insist trust must be earned, so we turn back to what we know. You, Lord, invite us to go out, and yet we don't want to offend anyone, and we don't know enough, so we stand at the threshold and look but never leap. Forgive us, O God, for our chosen captivity to the kingdoms of this world. Open wide the door of life, and give us courage to walk in your realm. (Silent prayer). Amen.**

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

Rebecca Mattern

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting— it cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Live as a people set free.

**All: Our sin is forgiven. In Jesus Christ, we are set free.**

One: Having received God's grace, let us extend grace to others through the passing of the peace. 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.*

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*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**

2 Samuel 23:1-5

Rebecca Mattern

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading**

Revelation 1:4b-8

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Grounded in Hope: Covenant Promises Fulfilled*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Anthem**

*Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

arr. by Sondra Tucker

PCO Handbell Choir

Irene Shutt, director

## Responding to the Word

Minute for Service

Simbolei Academy

Andrea Kaitany

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!  
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I!  
Was it for sins that I have done he suffered on the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!  
Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut its glories in,  
when Christ, the great Redeemer, died for human creatures' sin.  
But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I woe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Chandra Juarez, liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: **Hear our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer** (ecumenical version). 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 #766

*The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*, vs. 1-4  
[Mc Kee]

\* Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Postlude on *Darwall's 148th*  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

Charles Callahan

\* *Please rise in body or spirit*

**Ushers:** Brett & Lynn Cone, Deb & Joel Major

**This Morning's Fellowship Team:** Thank you to Parish Life for supplying the birthday cake to celebrate members and friends born in November and to Tom Schaberg and Gary VanKempen for taking care of the coffee.

**Education Hour:**

Children through 4th grade: Room 116

Middle School Youth 5th-8th grade: Middle School Room (107)

Intergenerational Bible Study for Senior High Youth and Adults: Board Room

Digging Deeper into Hebrews: Fellowship Hall

**Next Week: November 24, 2024: Twenty Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Agape Meal**

**Education Hour:** All ages are invited to enjoy a time of extended fellowship after the service.

The Prayer of Confession was adapted from words by the Rev. Teri Peterson, made available through Liturgy Link. Online at <https://www.liturgylink.net/2014/03/25/confession-you-invite-but/>

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