

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany



Gathering As a People of God

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Rebecca Mattern

Welcoming New Members

Jill Schaberg

Jane Dettore

Elliot Ryser

Prelude

Thanks Be to Thee

George Frideric Handel

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Lighting the Candle

Choral Introit

Kyrie Eleison

(Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us)

PCO Chancel Choir

Westin Sorrel, director

*** Call to Worship** (Adapted from Psalm 138)

Beth Layhe, Liturgist

One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

All: I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

One: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

All: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

One: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

All: The steadfast love of the Lords endures forever!

*** Hymn #334**

With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring, vs. 1-4

Psalm 138 [St. Petersburg]

Prayer of Confession

Rebecca Mattern

One: Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

All: God of the universe and Creator of all that is, we admit that too often we fail to be honest about our lives. Sometimes we are deceitful; other times we judge ourselves

harshly and feel unworthy of your call on our lives. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve you. *Silent prayer. Amen.*

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Rebecca Mattern

One: The promise is this: God is faithful and steadfast, eager to forgive our sin and welcome us home.

All: This is the good news we have received. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

One: As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ. 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

Rebecca Mattern

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, by the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to hear your word with understanding, that in our speech and actions, we may exalt your name above all things; in Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Children's Message

Rebecca Mattern

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

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

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Scripture

Luke 5:1-11

Rev. Alissa Davis

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Who is Jesus? One Who Calls Helpers

Rev. Alissa Davis

*** Affirmation of Faith** (From the Brief Statement of Faith, the PC(USA) Book of Confessions, 11.4)

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith sharing together in a portion of the Brief Statement of Faith

All: We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

*** Benediction**

Rev. Alissa Davis

Postlude

Rigaudon
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Andre Campra

The Prayer of Confession and Promise of the Gospel are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1*, 012.

Guest Preacher: We welcome Rev. Alissa Davis to the pulpit today. She is a 2011 graduate of Alma College, who went on to receive her M.Div. from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI. She lives in Midland with her husband - Matt, two daughters - Annabeth and Abigail, and their Havanese pup - Miles. Together they enjoy hiking, reading and singing Veggie Tales in the car.

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk, Jeff & Michele Arbour

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Tom Schaberg and Dave Rumminger for taking care of the coffee and to the youth group for hosting the soup lunch.

Immediately Following Worship: The Souper Bowl of Caring.

Featuring soups made by the youth: chicken noodle, tomato and chili, as well as sancocho made by Juan Carlos Royá. Bidding closes at Noon for the soup bowl auction. All funds raised support the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

Next Week: February 16, 2025

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10 and Luke 6:17-19

All Ages Education Hour: Jesus as a Healer. We will explore Jesus' acts of healing through art and drama.

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