

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**June 1, 2025**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**



**Gathering As a People of God**

**Preparation:** “There’s so much going on in [this] story that is familiar: Peter’s embarrassment and disappointment in himself, for instance. There is no pain quite like publicly failing to live up to others’ expectations and your own. What Jesus does not say to Peter is as important as what he does say. It would have been natural for him to refer to Peter’s spectacular failure, to ask for an apology, or at least to refer to the denial. I don’t think I could have resisted doing that. What happens instead is grace, the pure, unconditional acceptance and love of God in Jesus Christ, and Peter’s rebirth, restoration, redemption—salvation in charcoaled fish and a piece of toast. There are no conditions, but there is a commission.” Rev. John Buchanan, *Christian Century*, May 2, 2006

**Invitation to Our Shared Ministry**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Prelude**

Variations on *Madrid*  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Denis Bédard

**Setting the Table**

**\* Call to Worship**

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Now is the time to sing! To sing the good news of God:

**All: who awakens us with dawn’s embrace, who surrounds us with joy and life.**

One: Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:

**All: to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**

One: Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God, from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

**All: We will rejoice in the God who loves us.**

**\* Hymn #267**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*, vs. 1-3  
[Madrid]

**Prayer of Confession**

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

One: We can hold on to hurt until our hands begin to cramp, and keep holding. Though they bow our back, we refuse to set our grudges down, because we don’t know what it would feel like to have that weight off us. And we think that is the way God operates as well. But God’s anger lasts for just a moment, while the grace, the forgiveness, and the hope God offers never goes away. Let us dare to bring our prayers to the One who hears us and heals us, as we pray together, saying,

**All:** As the season of Easter begins to fade away, Holy One, we no longer hear the special music, but listen to temptation's familiar refrains. Rather than living in the newness you bring, we do things the way they have always been done. Fortunately, God of seaside breakfasts, you know the way out of our messy lives, and so take us by the hand to lead us. You wipe our busy schedules off our calendars so we may spend more time with those who need our love and attention. You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries, so we may pull in all the grace, wonder, and mercy offered to us by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *Silent prayer.* Amen.

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

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

**One:** Why should we weep? Joy comes to us this morning, and every moment of our lives. The resurrected Christ has come, to share mercy and hope with us, so we can praise our God with joyous hearts.

**All:** We will lift glad songs of joy, for all the blessings God has given to us. We will offer our hearts and hands in love and serve to others. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

**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**

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

Living Lord, you meet us in unexpected places and surprise us with the abundance of your love. Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit so that we may really see you and follow you this day, and always; through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

**Children's Sermon & Time of Wonder**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 58: 6-9a (CEB)

Tom Schaberg, Liturgist

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**New Testament Scripture**

John 21: 9-19

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

*Rooted & Engaged: Feed My Sheep*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

## **Responding to the Word**

### **Anthem**

*Let There Be Peace*

arr. by Douglas Wagner

PCO Handbell Choir

Irene Shutt, Director

### **Minute for Mission**

Commissioning of Simbolei Team  
Jerri Gillete, Ellen Hoekstra, & David Horner

Pastor Lisa Schrott

### **Offering**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

#### **Invitation**

#### **Offertory**

*Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness*

Theodore Beck

#### **\*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**

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.**

### **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 and partake as you return to your seat. The bread is gluten, soy, nut and dairy free so all may partake together.

### **Communion Prayer**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

#### **Sent Out As a People of God**

#### **\* Hymn #498**

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*, vs. 1-4  
[Beach Spring]

**\* Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Postlude**

*Rigaudon*

Andre Campra

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**Ushers:** Jane Paterson, Jill Tribell, Keith Camann, Ron Dorr

**Flowers:** The flowers beautifying the sanctuary this morning are from Edward Ennen.

**This Morning's Fellowship Team:** Thank you to Mickey Martin for supplying snacks, to Edward Ennen for making coffee and to Wayne Scott for washing dishes.

**Education Hour: All Ages Feed My Sheep.** Join us as we explore the story of the Risen Lord's appearance to the disciples on the beach at the Sea of Galilee. There will be an activity table for elementary and middle school students in Fellowship Hall during fellowship time before the event begins. At 11:30 a.m., we will move to three different opportunities to explore the story: Chapel to experience the story of the fish fry on the beach with Jesus; Room 108 to relate to the story with writing, art, and looking at hymns and Senior High Room to discuss what the story means to us. Led by Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, Eunice Creswell & Catherine Holdway.

**Next Week:** June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday. Wear your red! Casual dress is encouraged.

**Scripture:** Acts 2: 41-47

**Education Hour:** All Church Picnic

The liturgy is adapted from words by Thom Shuman. *Lectionary Liturgies 2022 (Easter 3C)*. Online at <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2022/04/liturgy-wcommunion-for-may-1-2022.html>

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