

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

First Sunday After Pentecost



Gathering As a People of God

Preparation: “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit mean that the mystery beyond us, the mystery among us, and the mystery within us are all the same mystery. Thus the Trinity is a way of saying something about us and the way we experience God.” Author and theologian, the Rev. *Frederick Buechner*, from *Wishful Thinking. A Seekers ABC*, 1973

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude

Sonata in E minor, Op. 14, No. 5
(Largo, Movement 1)
Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, cello
Marlene Brewbaker, piano

Antonio Vivaldi
(1678-1741)

* Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 8)

Nina Roya, Liturgist

One: O Lord our ruler, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

All: what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

One: Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

All: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

One: O, Lord our ruler, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

All: Let us worship the Lord!

* Hymn #1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty, vs. 1-4
[Nicaea]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God and confess our sins together and individually.

All: O God, even as we celebrate your unity, we know that sometimes we forget the beauty of your three persons. We hold to your transcendent life as Creator and keep at a distance the challenges of Christ. We bow before your glory and keep your humanness away from the reality of our own lives. (Silent reflection) Forgive us, Jesus Christ. Guide and guard us, Holy Spirit, and go on creating within us, Creator God. This we pray in faith. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgets the sins of all who repent. I declare to you, therefore, that we are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.

All: Thanks be to God. 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

Nina Roy, Liturgist

Triune God, open our minds to hear the wisdom of the scripture. Open our hearts to welcome the invitation to grace and redemption. Open our souls to be transformed by the breath of the Spirit. Amen

Children's Sermon & Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Nina Roy, Liturgist

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

All: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Trinitarian Commission

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Affirmation of Faith (from the Second Helvetic Confession, 5.106)

(in unison)

GOD IS THREE. Notwithstanding we believe and teach that the same immense, one and indivisible God is in person inseparably and without confusion distinguished as Father, Son and Holy Spirit so, as the Father has begotten the Son from eternity, the Son is begotten by an ineffable generation, and the Holy Spirit truly proceeds from them both, and the same from eternity and is to be worshipped with both.

Responding to the Word

Special Music

Sonata in E minor, Op. 14, No. 5

Vivaldi

[Largo, Movement 3]

Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, cello

Marlene Brewbaker, piano

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Andante Moderato

Vivaldi

[Concerto in G minor]

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Nina Roy, Liturgist

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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.

Sent Out As a People of God

* Hymn #298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

[Abbot's Leigh]

* Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Sonata in E minor Op. 14, No. 5

[Allegro, Movement 2]

Barbara Fretwell Cooke, cello

Marlene Brewbaker, pianist

* Please rise in body or spirit

Ushers: Brett & Lynette Cone, Barbara & Bill Given

This Morning's Fellowship Team and Education Hour: Thank you to the Parish Life Committee for supplying birthday cake to celebrate members and friends born in June, to Tom Schaberg for taking care of the coffee, and to Gary VanKempen for washing the dishes.

Education Hour: Education Hour is on summer break. Enjoy extended & intentional fellowship time.

The Confession sequence is adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2, 2014 Westminster John Knox Press and Words for Worship, posted online at <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/> The Affirmation of Faith is from the Second Helvetic Confession in Part 1 of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Book of Confessions. Office of the General Assembly, 2016. Louisville, KY

Next Week: June 22, 2025

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-15a

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