

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**June 22, 2025**  
**Second Sunday After Pentecost**



**Gathering As a People of God**

**Preparation:** “Prophets are difficult to have around. No one wants to claim the title or do the work because of it. .... In bringing messages from God—and God doesn’t mince words—God speaks directly through them. They have a relationship and intimacy with the Divine. They communicate with God through prayer, direct speech; God walks and talks with them. Maybe not literally but in other ways. They have gifts, and they offer signs and wonders associated with the verification of the presence of God. They have communal connections. They act on behalf of community, not for their own gain, and are dependent on the community for help when they need it.” – Theologian, Barbara A. Holmes, from “We Shall Also Be Prophets,” 2022.

**Invitation to Our Shared Ministry**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Prelude**

*Sinfonia*

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Henry Purcell  
(1659-1695)

**\* Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 42)

Rev. Dan Lewis, Liturgist

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

**All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

One: When shall I come and behold the face of God?

**All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

One: My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

**All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

One: By day the Lord receives steadfast love, and at night the Lord’s song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

**All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

**\* Hymn #778**

*As Pants the Deer for Living Streams*, vs. 1-4  
[Seachrist]

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: God gives springs of living water, streams of justice and mercy splashing into the wilderness. As a people longing for rescue from the weight of our sins, we turn to the living God who hears our pleas. Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin to God and to one another:

**All: Redeemer God, grant us faith to confess our sins and seek your mercy. There are barren places in our lives where we have wandered far from you. We have listened to voices who**

**distracted us from your call. We have submitted to powers competing for our loyalty to you. We have not taken the hand you offer to lead us out of sin and into your holy ways. Quench our thirst for you and let your love well up in us unto eternal life. Send us out to serve you by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. (Silent Prayer). Amen**

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

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: This is the gospel, the good news we have received: that our Lord Jesus Christ loves us and gave his life to set us free from our sins. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**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**

Rev. Dan Lewis, Liturgist

God of the earthquake and the silence, quiet in us any voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. Amen.

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

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Stories of Our Faith: Listening to God Speak into Our Lives Through Scripture**

**Community Meditation Instructions**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

The text of our scriptures can be found on the insert. On the back of the insert is a finger labyrinth that can be used as a contemplative practice.

**First Scripture Reading**

1 Kings 19:1-8

Rev. Dan Lewis, Liturgist

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Questions to ponder:**

How did Elijah respond to the challenges he was facing?

How did God respond to Elijah?

**Second Scripture Reading**

1 Kings 19:9-15a

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Questions to ponder:**

Where do you expect to hear from or experience God?

Are there unexpected places where you have heard or experienced God?

**Affirmation of Faith** (from the Brief Statement of Faith, 11.4)

(in unison)

**The same Spirit  
who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**Responding to the Word**

**Special Music**

*Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets of Our Heart*

Henry Purcell

PCO Summer Pick-up Choir

Westin Sorrel, Director

**Offering**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

Chorale on *Canonbury*

Alice Jordan

[Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak]

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Dan Lewis, 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 #410

*God Is Calling through the Whisper*, vs. 1-3  
(W Żłobie Leży)

\* Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

*Fanfare*

Purcell

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**Ushers:** Barbara & Morrie Hoevel, Barbara & Ron Dorr

**Flowers:** The flowers beautifying our sanctuary this morning are from the garden of Mary Lou and Frank Hatfield.

**This Morning's Fellowship Team and Education Hour:** Thank you to Laurie Harkema and Shirley Rumminger for supplying snacks, to Tom Schaberg for making coffee, and to Edward Ennen 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 C, Volume 2*, 2013 Westminster John Knox Press. The Affirmation of Faith is from the Brief Statement of Faith 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 29, 2025

**Scripture:** 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

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