

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**June 29, 2025**  
**Third Sunday After Pentecost**



**Gathering As a People of God**

**Preparation:** “The whole purpose of the Bible, it seems to me, is to convince people to set the written word down in order to become living words in the world for God’s sake. For me, this willing conversion of ink back to blood is the full substance of faith.” — Barbara Brown Taylor, *Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith*, 2006.

**Invitation to Our Shared Ministry**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Prelude**

Prelude on *Repton*  
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Charles Callahan

**\* Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 77)

Zach Krawczyk, Liturgist

**One:** I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that God may hear me. In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying.

**All:** **I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work and muse on your mighty deeds.**

**One:** Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.

**All:** **With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.**

**One:** Your way was through the sea, your path through the mighty waters, yet your footprints were unseen.

**All:** **You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

**\* Hymn #731**

*Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith is Firm*, vs. 1-4  
[Repton]

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**One:** We seek to follow the ways of Christ, yet all too often we fail to live up to our aspirations. So we come here each week, seeking both the assurance of forgiveness and encouragement to turn towards God’s ways, rather than the days of the world.

**All:** **Merciful God, Source of Life, sometimes we see clearly, sometimes our eyes are veiled. Sometimes we only see the whirlwind, not the gift that lies hidden in its midst. Sometimes we only see the clay jar, not the treasure that it holds. Forgive us for the times we are oblivious, when we choose not to see. Help us see beyond the obvious, help us see where you are active in our world. Inspire us to continue seeking your will and your ways.**  
(Silent Prayer). Amen

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

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: In Grace-filled love, God continues to open our eyes, to help us see, to reveal God's power and promise. Through God's grace we can see beyond the veil. Through God's love and mercy our sin is 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**

Zach Krawczyk, Liturgist

Triune God, by your Spirit plant your Word within us. May we not only hear your Word, may we also be transformed by your Word. Light us up from the inside, so we may shine your love and grace for all of the world to see and embrace. Amen.

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

Pastor Lisa Schrott

### **First Scripture Reading**

Matthew 17:1-8

Zach Krawczyk, Liturgist

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Scripture Reading**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

*Stories of Our Faith: What Do We Pass On?*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Affirmation of Faith** (from the *Brief Statement of Faith*, 11.1)

(in unison)

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,**

**and the communion of the Holy Spirit,**

**we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

## **Responding to the Word**

### **Special Music**

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*

arr: Margaret Bonds

Amira Coleman, soprano

Marlene Brewbaker, piano

## Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

*Flute Solo and Gigue*

George Frederic Handel

\*Doxology #606

\*Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of the People

Zach Krawczyk, 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

*Gentle Jesus, vs. 1-3*

Text and Music:

[Refuge]

Philip Rice and Richelle Wilson

\* Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

## Postlude

*La Rejouissance*

Handel

*Rejoicing from Music for Royal Fireworks*

Marlene Brewbaker, organist

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**Ushers:** Sally Belloli, Bill Given, David Horner

**Flowers:** The flowers beautifying our sanctuary this morning are from Mary & Robert Benko in honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**This Morning's Fellowship Team and Education Hour:** Thank you to David & Kathi Cook for supplying snacks, to Edward Ennen for making coffee, and to Wayne Scott for washing the dishes.

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

The Prayer of Confession is from Rev.Gord. Resources for Feb 11, 2024 -- Transfiguration Sunday. Online at <https://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/2024/02/resources-for-feb-11-2024.html>. 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:** July 6, 2025, Celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Rev. Dan Lewis preaching.

**Scripture:** Psalm 25:1-7 and Luke 10:25-37

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