

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**July 6, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**



**Gathering As a People of God**

**Invitation to Our Shared Ministry**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Prelude**

*My Soul Doth Rest in Jesus' Hands*  
[Cantata No. 27]  
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

J.S. Bach  
arr: Harold Bauer

**\* Call to Worship**

Siri Rainone, Liturgist

One: We come to worship God with all of our heart and with all of our soul.

**All: With all of our strength and all of our mind.**

One: We come to worship to show our love for the Lord, our God.

**All: And to show our love for our neighbors as ourselves.**

One: We come to worship a God of love and grace,

**All: a God who teaches, strengthens and transforms us.**

One: Let us praise God with our whole beings, celebrating our communal life.

**All: Let us worship God with our whole beings, celebrating our communal life.**

**\* Hymn #13**

*The Mighty God with Power Speaks* vs. 1-3  
[KINGSFOLD]

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: How do we show our love for God and neighbor? In our words, our thoughts, our actions? We strive to do so and yet we fall short. So let us confess the limits we place on our love, so we might receive and be filled with God's limitless mercy.

**All: They may not be beaten down or lying by the road, but there are people we pass by, Watching God. Some are family and friends we take so much for granted we cannot see how we have stripped them of our love and compassion. Others are neighbors: who have been left half-dead by crushing work; who have fallen into the hands of despair; who have been abandoned by all those who walked on by them. Many are strangers, people we don't know, but quickly judge: they are weak, or poor, or the enemy or because they remind us of whom we once were or could become. Rescue us from the power of our sins, Righteous One of all generations. Pour out your justice on us, rather than your judgment, that we would be spurred to action; that we would hear of the hope that is ours and share it with our siblings; that we would shower mercy on all we meet even as we have received forgiveness for our sins through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. (Silent Prayer). Amen**

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

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God's mercy and grace extend from everlasting to everlasting. We are forgiven to love and serve the world, loving God and loving neighbor.

**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**

Siri Rainone, 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**

Rev. Dan Lewis

### **Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 25:1-7

Siri Rainone, Liturgist

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Scripture Reading**

Luke 10:25-37

Rev. Dan Lewis

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

*Side by Side*

Rev. Dan Lewis

## **Responding to the Word**

### **Offering**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

*Slumber Song*

Robert Schuman

\***Doxology #606**

\***Prayer of Dedication**

## **Holy Communion**

Pastor Lisa Schrott & Rev. Dan Lewis

### **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 Music**

*Adagio BWV 974*  
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

Alessandro Marcello  
arr. J.S. Bach

### **Communion Prayer**

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

### **Commissioning Montreat Youth Retreat Participants**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Becca Boldrey, Alex Juarez, Lucas Meland and Maddie Pearson (youth)

Jennifer Gordon and Christine Meland (adults)

### **\* Hymn #726**

*Will You Come and Follow Me* vs. 1-5  
[Kelvingrove]

### **\* Benediction**

Rev. Dan Lewis

### **Postlude**

*Prelude WTC I No. 21*  
Gail Lytle Lira, pianist

J.S. Bach

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**Guest Preacher:** We welcome to our pulpit today the **Rev. Dan Lewis**. A graduate of DePauw University and Princeton Theological Seminary, Dan has served the church for four decades as a pastor in a variety of congregational settings as well as the larger denomination in specialized ministry capacities. His spouse, the Rev. Jennifer B Lewis, is the Visioning and Connecting Leader for the Presbytery of Wabash Valley (northern Indiana). They have four practically perfect grandchildren and a mostly adorable goldendoodle.

**Ushers:** Keith Camann, Jane Paterson, Tom Schaberg, Jill Tribell

**Flowers:** The flowers beautifying our sanctuary this morning are from Lisa Schrott & Brian McWilliams in honor of their wedding anniversary.

**This Morning's Fellowship Team and Education Hour:** Thank you to Jane Bobay for supplying snacks, to Tom Schaberg 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 adapted from words by the Rev. Thom Shuman from *Lectionary Liturgies*.  
Online at <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2022/07/liturgy-wcommunion-for-july-10-2022.html>

**Next Week:** July 13, 2025 Summer pick-up choir and celebration of the ministry of Westin Sorrel.

**Scripture:** Luke 4: 22- 30 and 2 Kings 5:1-14

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