

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**July 13, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**



**Gathering As a People of God**

**Preparation:** “Naaman wants to earn this miracle, not receive it. When egos get elevated to that point, we have a hard time accepting any gift from anyone else without thinking there is some subversive slant to it. We can have a hard time trusting it. We want to attain it. We want to achieve it. We want to win! So even gifts like grace or restoration can create resentment.” – Rev. Brian Christopher Coulter, 2022.

**Invitation to Our Shared Ministry**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Prelude**

Processional and Trumpet Tune on *CWM Rhondda*  
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Wayne L. Wold

**\* Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 30)

Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, Liturgist

One: I exalt you, Lord, because you pulled me up; you didn’t let my enemies celebrate over me.

**All: Lord, my God, I cried out to you for help, and you healed me.**

One: Lord, you brought me up from the grave, brought me back to life from among those going down to the pit.

**All: You who are faithful to the Lord, sing praises! Give thanks to God’s holy name!**

One: The Lord’s anger lasts for only a second, but his favor lasts a lifetime.

**All: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**\* Hymn #307**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*, vs. 1-4  
[CWM Rhondda]

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We come before the font knowing that in the baptismal waters we are cleansed of our sins. We come before the font knowing that we too often fail to uphold the promises that are made in baptism. We come before the font to confess and repent, assured of our forgiveness, praying together and individually:

**All: God of grace-filled gifts, we live in a world that tells us we need to do more and be more and achieve more to be worthy. We strive to be recognized, taking pride in our accomplishments and pursuits. We seek to earn your approval, redeeming ourselves through our actions. Forgive us when we complicate your command to love God and love neighbor. Forgive us when our pride blocks the sight of your graciousness. Open our eyes**

**so that we see clearly your desire for our healing and wholeness. Cleanse us from the need to be self-reliant. Help us accept the free gift of grace you offer us. Renew and restore us.**  
(Silent Prayer). **Amen.**

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

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Hear the Good News. God cleanses us from all that separates us from God and each other. God cleanses us from our pride, self-reliance and insistence on earning our redemption. At this font we are reminded that it is through God's grace that we are washed and forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! 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**

Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, Liturgist

Spirit God, open our minds and our hearts to hear your voice amidst the din of the world. As you did with the prophets, call us out of our everyday lives so we might share your message of love and grace. Challenge us today to look within ourselves so that we may be your disciples. Amen.

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

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**First Scripture Reading**

Luke 4: 22-30

Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, Liturgist

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Scripture Reading**

2 Kings 5: 1-14

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Stories of Our Faith: The Gift Receipt*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

(in unison)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit**

**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,**

**sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,**

**and binds us together with all believers**

**in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

## Responding to the Word

### Special Music

*O Come, Ye Servants*  
PCO Summer Pick-Up Choir  
Westin Sorrel, Director

Christopher Tye

### Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

#### Invitation

#### Offertory

*Sonatine*

Hedwige Chrétien

#### \*Doxology #606

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers of the People

Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, 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 #649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*, vs. 1-5

### \* Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

### Postlude

Toccata on *Amazing Grace*  
Marlene Brewbaker, organist

J. Christopher Pardini

\* Please rise in body or spirit

**Ushers:** Jeff & Michele Arbour, Gary & Trudy Sturk

**Flowers:** The flowers beautifying our sanctuary this morning are from Wayne and Barbara Scott.

**This Morning's Fellowship Team and Education Hour:** Thank you to the Personnel Committee for supplying refreshments as we celebrate Westin Sorrel's music ministry; to Tom Schaberg for making coffee, and to Dave Rumminger for washing the dishes.

**Education Hour:** Education Hour is on summer break. Enjoy extended & intentional fellowship time. This morning, we will wish Godspeed to Westin Sorrel and celebrate the gifts of the ministry of music he has shared with us.

**Next Week:** July 20, 2025

**Scripture:** Genesis 18:1-10a & Luke 10:38-42

The Affirmation of Faith is from the Brief Statement of Faith in *Part I of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Book of Confessions*. Office of the General Assembly, 2016. Louisville, KY

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