

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
July 27, 2025
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



Gathering As a People of God

Preparation: "How precious, how fragile, how short is life! Our lives are but a breath. The Divine brings us into being, weaves our lives together, and ushers us into eternal rest. Blessed are the Sacred rhythms of life and holy are these tasks: to be alive, to pay attention, to honor the fleeting with awe and care." - From enfleshed

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude

Arioso

J.S. Bach

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

*** Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 138, The Message)

Kent Workman, Liturgist

One: Thank you! Everything in me says "Thank you!" Angels listen as I sing my thanks.

All: I kneel in worship facing your holy temple and say it again: "Thank you!"

One: Thank you for your love, thank you for your faithfulness;

All: Most holy is your name, most holy is your Word.

One: The moment I called out, you stepped in; you made my life large with strength.

All: When they hear what you have to say, God, all earth's kings will say "Thank you."

One: They'll sing of what you've done: "How great the glory of God!"

All: And here's why: God, high above, sees far below; no matter the distance, God knows everything about us.

*** Hymn #694**

Great God of Every Blessing, vs. 1-3
[Aurelia]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Creator God, Who created our inmost beings, Who knit us together in the womb, Who saw our unformed bodies, we confess that we have prevented others from living into the fullness of your creation. We have ignored those in need. We have assumed that loving our neighbor was someone else's duty.

All: Have mercy upon us that we may live a full, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Silent prayer. Amen

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Hear the good news. In life, in death, in life after death nothing can separate us from the love of God. In the name of Jesus you are 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

Kent Workman, Liturgist

Illuminating Spirit, break into the uncertainty, anxieties, and the distractions of our lives. May we hear your voice with clarity so that we may be encouraged in our walk with God. Meld us and mold us into your servant people, Christ's body in this world. Amen.

Children's Sermon & Time of Wonder

Jonathan Townley

Special Music

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Arr. by Jason W. Krug

PCO Handbell Quintet

Dave & Kathi Cook, Linda & Lou Cravotta, Sarah Mayhew

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 2:1-14

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Gone Where?

Jonathan Townley

Special Music

Fast in Fragile

Jonathan Townley

Responding to the Word

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

The Gift of Love

Arr. by Jason W. Krug

PCO Handbell Quintet

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Kent Workman, 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 #546**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing, vs. 1-3
[Sicilian Mariners]

*** Benediction**

Jonathan Townley

Postlude

Trumpet Allemande
Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Anthony Holborne

* Please rise in body or spirit

Ushers: Sally Belloli, Sue Cobbett, David Horner

This Morning's Fellowship Team and Education Hour: Thank you to Stephanie Nawynn for supplying snacks for fellowship time this morning and to Edward Ennen for making coffee and washing the dishes.

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

Guest Preacher: We welcome Jonathan Townley (they, them) to the pulpit this morning. Jonathan is a member of PCO, who is currently attending seminary at Vanderbilt Divinity School, in Nashville, TN. Jonathan is seeking ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA) and is under care of the PCO Session and the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.

Next Week: August 3, 2025 – Communion Sunday

Scripture: Exodus 16:11-21 & Luke 12:13-21

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