

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
October 19, 2025
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



Gathering As a People of God

Preparation: “Glory is to God what style is to an artist. A painting by Vermeer, a sonnet by Donne, a Mozart aria; each is so rich with the style of the one who made it that to the connoisseur it couldn't have been made by anybody else, and the effect is staggering. ... To behold God's glory, to sense God's style, is the closest you can get to God this side of paradise, just as to read King Lear is the closest you can get to Shakespeare. Glory is what God looks like when for the time being all you have to look at him with is a pair of eyes.” Presbyterian writer and theologian Frederick Buechner, 1973

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude

Processional from the Oratorio Judas Maccabaeus George Frederic Handel
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Lighting the Candles

Choral Introit

Make a Joyful Noise
PCO Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director

Donovan D. Klotzbeacher

*** Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 95)

Ron Dorr, Liturgist

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

All: let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

All: In the Lord's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

One: The sea is the Lord's, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

All: O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

One: For the Lord is our God,

All: and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*** Hymn #386**

Come, Worship God, vs. 1-4
Psalm 95 [O Quanta Qualia]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The truth about us is this: we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. Yet God promises to pour out grace upon us, giving us confidence to show ourselves as we are and be freed from the bondage of sin. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. Too often we cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go. Forgive our faithless and fickle ways and increase our gratitude, that we might grow in faithfulness to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Silent prayer. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Hear the good news! When you were buried with Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God. By that power we are set free to live in gratitude and love with zeal.

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

Ron Dorr, Liturgist

God of Wisdom, you promise to give your Spirit to those who ask. Overwhelm us with your Word, that we may know you more fully, love you more passionately, and follow you more closely; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Children's Sermon & Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

First Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

Ron Dorr, Liturgist

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Ezra 3:8-13

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Belong to God: Worship That Glorifies God

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

Praise to the Lord
PCO Chancel Choir
Shelby Laird, director

arr. Alfred Whitehead

Responding to the Word

Minute for Stewardship

Worship

Amira Coleman

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Aria in F Major from the Twelfth Concerto Grosso

Handel

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Ron Dorr, 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 #238

Thine is the Glory, vs. 1-3

[Judas Maccabaeus]

* Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Intrada on Thine Is the Glory

Alice Jordan

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

* Please rise in body or spirit

Ushers: Sue Cobbett, Kent Workman, Jack Harkema

This Morning's Fellowship Team: It's Birthday Cake Sunday! Come celebrate our October birthdays. Thanks to Parish Life for supplying the birthday cake, to Tom Schaberg for making coffee and to Gary VanKempen for washing the dishes.

Education Hour:

Elementary Education in Room 116

Intergenerational Bible Study (Middle School, High School and Adults): Colaborate New Testament Series with Roy Meland in the Board Room

Adults: Town Hall to learn more about PCO Ministry & Committee Structure (11:30 - 12:15 pm)

Next Week: October 26, 2025

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 & Romans 12:1-2

Elementary Education in Room 116

Middle School in Middle School classroom with Kathi Cook

Intergenerational Bible Study (High School and Adults): Colaborate New Testament Series with Roy Meland in the Board Room

Adults: Where Did I Come From?: A Guide for Parents on Science, Evolution, Human Origins, and the Christian Faith. Guest Speaker (via Zoom). The Rev. Dr. Jim Miller, Summerville SC.

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