

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos**  
**March 8, 2026**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**



**Gathering As a People of God**

*At PCO we strive to be a faithful, open, and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any age, ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation.*

**Invitation to Our Shared Ministry**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Welcome New Members**

Jill Schaberg

Ava Davidson, Barbara Davidson & Leone White

**Prelude**

*Sicilienne*

Maria-Theresia V. Paradis

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

**Choral Introit**

*O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*

Donald Moore

PCO Chancel Choir

Shelby Laird, director

**\* Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 95)

Jill Schaberg, Liturgist

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

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

One: Today we listen to your voice;

**All: We come into your presence with joy and thanksgiving.**

One: In times of wilderness and in times of comfort;

**All: We worship and praise you our Lord and Saviour.**

**\* Hymn #645**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above, vs. 1-4*

[Mit Freuden Zart]

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: As we sing our praises to God, we are reminded that we fall short of God's glory. We are assured that we have peace with God through our Savior Jesus Christ. Trusting not in our own righteousness but in God's mercy and grace, let us come honestly and bravely before God and each other with our confessions.

**All: God of Grace and God of Glory, you have given us your grace and your love in Jesus Christ. You have given us your presence and your Spirit. Yet, we confess that we do not always live as people of peace and love. We rely on our own strength instead of your providence. We misuse and exploit your good creation. We turn blind eyes to the least of these who we are called to serve and uplift. Forgive us for living as though your grace were not enough. Forgive us for building walls when we should be building bridges. Pour your**

love into our hearts, and by your Spirit, help us to be better disciples. Help us to love you, your creation, and our neighbors as you so graciously love us. Amen. *Time of silence.*

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

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: But God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him.

All: **Thanks be to God for the new creation we are in Christ.**

One: Friends, now that God has forgiven us, let us forgive one another with 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 #447

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The chords indicated above the notes are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

## The Word

### Prayer of Illumination

Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus' love and grace abound for us and for all people.

### Children's Sermon & Time of Wonder

Rev. Annemarie Groenenboom

### First Scripture Reading

Romans 5:1-11

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Rev. Annemarie Groenenboom

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*Grace in the Wilderness of Life*

Rev. Annemarie Groenenboom

## Responding to the Word

### Special Music

*Jesu, Word of God Incarnate*  
PCO Chancel Choir  
Shelby Laird, director

David H. Williams

### Minute for Mission

*Loaves and Fishes*

Barbara Dorr

### Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

#### Invitation

Steps on the Path to Repair and Restoration: Action Items for the Third Week of Lent  
Returning to God a Portion of What God Has Given Us

#### Offertory

Introduction and Chorale on *St. Margaret*

Alice Jordan

#### \*Doxology #606

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

### Prayers of the People

Jill Schaberg, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayers.**

### 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 #833

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*, vs. 1-4  
[St. Margaret]

#### \* Charge and Benediction

Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom

### Postlude

Processional and Trumpet Tune on *God of Grace and God of Glory* Wayne L. Wold  
[Cwm Rhonda]  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

\* Please rise in body or spirit

We welcome the Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom to the PCO pulpit this Sunday. Annamarie earned her M.Div. from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and MSW from the University of Pittsburgh in 2017. After graduation, Annamarie worked as a licensed social worker in an inpatient psychiatric hospital. Annamarie has also worked in a wide range of ministry settings including a small rural congregation in Pennsylvania and a large suburban congregation in Washington D.C. Most recently, Annamarie served

as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Schoolcraft, MI. She also joyfully serves as a Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church, Kalamazoo and as the Associate Clerk of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.

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

**This Morning's Fellowship Team:** Thank you to Shirley Rumminger for supplying our snacks, to Edward Ennen for taking care of the coffee and to Dave Rumminger for washing the dishes.

**Education this Morning:**

**Elementary Education** in Room 116

**Middle School Education** with Kathi Cook in Room 107

**Adult Ed:** Where are You Called to Serve on the Path to Repair and Restoration? Open forum in Fellowship Hall to connect with others with similar interests.

**Next Week:** March 15, 2026; Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Scripture:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13 & Ephesians 5:8-14

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