



The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
April 12, 2026
Second Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday

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

Minute for Engagement

Dinner in My Home

Jerri Gillett

Welcome New Members

Barb Davidson, Ava Davidson
Jill Schaberg

Prelude

This Joyful Eastertide
Laurie Harkema, organ

Dale Wood

* **Call to Worship** (adapted from Isaiah 25:6-9)

Claire Mayhew

One: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

All: a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow.

One: And God will destroy on this mountain the sense of doom that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;

All: God will swallow up death forever.

One: Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

All: and the disgrace of God's people will be taken away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

One: It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God, whom we have waited for, so that we might be saved.

All: This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation."

* **Hymn #231**

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers
[Suo Gan]

Prayer of Confession

Becca Boldrey

One: We come before God with open hearts, sharing the places in our lives where we have been separated from God and each other. We come before God knowing God calls us by name and extends grace upon grace. Let us pray together, saying,

All: God of understanding, we know that sometimes we are so busy and preoccupied with our lives that we fail to recognize you and the deeper truths of the world. Help us to see beyond the surface level. We can fail to see our friends who need us, we can fail to hear the cries of people in need and we can fail to understand where our help is needed. And sometimes

God, it is too easy for us to become cynical and not trust people. Forgive us when we don't give people the benefit of the doubt and help us see the face of Christ in all whom we meet. Forgive us when we spend too much time in virtual worlds and not enough time talking to each other in real life. Help us to reorient our lives toward you and caring for each other and our planet. Silent prayer. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Becca Boldrey

One: The Spirit of the Lord has come upon us, bringing hope, life, and forgiveness for each person. Through this grace, we can live fully as God's children, sent to bring the Good News to everyone we meet.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

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 # #581

Gloria Patri

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Emma Roya

Loving God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word. Help us to understand the meaning of the scripture so that we can apply the scripture in our everyday lives. May it show us the path of light and love and wisdom. Amen.

Special Music

Father, I Adore You

Terrye Coelho Strom

Youth Instrumental Quartet

adapted by Sarah Mayhew

Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, violin

Evan Haskel, viola

Connor Haskel, cello

Claire Mayhew, French horn

Sarah Mayhew, director

Children's Sermon & Time of Wonder

Lizzie Conroy-Krutz

Presentation of Bibles

Theo Krawczyk, Reiland Roelofs

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Anna Meluch, Emma Roya

Evan Haskel, Nina Roya, Hazel Morgan, Ava Meluch

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

With Bravery, Seeing People as God Has Made Them

Zach Nawyn-Hellinga

Responding to the Word

Special Music

To God Be The Glory
Youth Instrumental Choir
Lizzie Conroy-Krutz, violin
Connor Haskel and Nina Roy, cello
Evan Haskel and Emma Roy, viola
Claire Mayhew, French horn
Anna Meluch, bassoon
Sarah Mayhew, director

Pepper Choplin
adapted by Sarah Mayhew

Minute for Engagement

Family Camp

Becca Boldrey, Nina Roy
Christine Meland

Offering

Nina Roy

Invitation

Offertory

Now the Green Blade Rises

David Cherwien

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Connor Haskel

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 # 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
[Green Tyler]

* Charge and Benediction

Zach Nawyn-Hellinga

Postlude

Awake, Thou Wintry Earth
Laurie Harkema, organ

J.S. Bach

*Awake, thou wintry earth, fling off, fling off thy sadness.
Ye vernal flowers laugh forth, laugh forth your ancient gladness.
A new and lovely tale throughout the land is sped.
It floats o'er hill and dale to tell that death is dead!*

* Please rise in body or spirit

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Sandy Detrisac for supplying snacks for fellowship time, to Mitch Marcus for making the coffee and to Gary VanKempen for washing the dishes.

Education Hour: All Ages Landscape Rock Painting. Get your creative juices flowing as we decorate rocks to line our Prayer Path. Our youth will guide us!

Next Week: April 19, 2026 The PCO Session has called a Congregational Meeting following the worship service to approve and welcome an Associate Pastor candidate and approve the Terms of Call. The Associate Pastor Candidate will be leading worship and preaching. The Congregational Meeting will be available via Zoom. There will be several opportunities to meet the candidate and family on Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19. The APNC will be hosting a reception following.

Scripture: 1 Peter 1: 3-9; John 20: 19-31

The scripture reading is adapted from Leading in Worship Two Roads to Emmaus: A Reading with Luke 24:13-35. Online at <https://leadinginworship.com/2012/04/two-roads-to-emmaus-luke-2413-35/>

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