

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday



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.

Preparation: “God does not speak in a universal language. God does not impose or coerce unity. Instead, the Spirit of God communicates in every tongue. ... God indwells differences without converting the multitudes into sameness. People do not give up their languages, their cultures. Instead, God affirms the holiness of human differentiation: “I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh” (2:17). All flesh receives the baptism of the Spirit, not to force people into a cultural nationalism but to consecrate every ethnic difference.”-- Rev. Isaac S. Villegas, *Christian Century*, May 2024.

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude

Hail Thee, Festival Day
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organ

Charles Callahan

*** Call to Worship**

Kathi Cook, Liturgist

One: On this Pentecost, we celebrate the promised Holy Spirit who blows through our lives and empowers us for service.

All: We praise the Creator who gives us breath and unites us as one.

One: Today, we also pause to remember those who laid down their lives for the sake of freedom and the good of others.

All: We give thanks for their ultimate sacrifice, and for the peace they sought to secure.

One: As we worship, let us honor the fallen by striving for the peace, justice, and love that Christ taught us.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and guide our worship!

*** Hymn #289**

On Pentecost They Gathered, vs. 1-4
[Munich]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: God pours out the Spirit upon us, but we do not always welcome God’s gifts. Let us confess our doubts and fears, that we might find forgiveness and newness of life.

All: Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully. *Silent prayer. Amen.*

Affirmation of Faith

in unison

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all. Adapted from the Confession of 1967, PC(USA) Book of Confessions, 9.20

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Scripture is clear: everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. God draws us together, offering salvation, forgiveness, and new life to all.

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

One: It is as a forgiven people that we extend the peace of Christ to each other. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you. Please greet your fellow worshippers in ways you feel comfortable.

* Act of Praise #581

Gloria Patri

Prayer of Illumination

Kathi Cook, Liturgist

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your Word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and vision at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon and Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

First Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:24-29 (CEB)

Kathi Cook, Liturgist

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Acts 2: 1-4, 14-18 (CEB)

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Communal Visions and Dreams

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Come Down, O Love Divine

Kristina Langlois

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

Kathi Cook, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

* Hymn #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, vs. 1-4

[Spirit]

* Charge & Benediction

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Tongues of Fire

Alfred Fedak

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: Barbara & Morrie Hoewel, Barbara & Ron Dorr

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This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Vickie Marcus for supplying snacks, and to Mitch Marcus for making coffee and washing the dishes.

No Education Hour for the Memorial Day Weekend Holiday

Next Week: May 31, 2026 Trinity Sunday

Scripture: Genesis 1:1- 5 & Matthew 28:16-20

Elementary: Room 106

Middle School: Middle School Room with Kathi Cook

Adult Education: Town Hall: Facility Infrastructure Supporting the Journey to 2030 Vision

This will be available on Zoom as well as in person. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84065852997>

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