

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
May 31, 2026
Trinity 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: The triple spiral (or triskele) has a profound historical connection to the Christian Trinity. While the triple spiral pattern originated thousands of years ago in Neolithic and Pagan Celtic art, early Christian missionaries in Ireland and Britain adopted the symbol because of how the paths are drawn. Three-in-One Unity: The symbol consists of three distinct loops or spirals, yet they are all formed from one single, continuous, unbroken line. This mirrors the Christian belief in one singular Godhead comprised of three distinct co-equal persons. This image is from a photo Pastor Lisa took from the ruins of St. Cavan's Church (Irish: Teampall Chaomháin) built in the 10th century on the Irish island Inisheer.

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Prelude

Prelude on *Nicaea*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, Organ

Michael Burkhardt

*** Call to Worship**

Jack Harkema, Liturgist

One: God, whose imagination saw all that is good, beautiful, and loving,

All: continues to see us as beloved children in the divine family.

One: The Word which called forth the stars in every universe,

All: speaks to us of giving ourselves through the baptismal life.

One: The Spirit, which moved over creation, breathing life into all things,

All: fills us with peace and patience, with hope and healing to share.

*** Hymn #1**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty, vs. 1-4
(Nicaea)

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We know too well our foolishness, our brokenness, our human ways of doing things. But God knows our hearts, our hopes, our desire to be made new. As we offer our prayers of confession, let us open ourselves to God, who will forgive us and give us new life.

All: Merciful God, we have been created for goodness by you, but we too often fill our lives with that which breeds shallowness and contempt. Your Word would enable us to speak of joy to others, but we offer judgment. The Spirit which breathes hope into us could be shared with everyone we meet, but we are tempted to hold our breath until we turn blue, rather than giving peace to those around us. You have said that everything created is good, even we foolish children of yours, God of wonder and grace. With the Spirit as our guide, we know we can bring healing and hope to those who need it most. With your Word, Jesus Christ, as

our light, we know we can tell others of your mercy and of our love for them in every moment. *Silent prayer. Amen.*

Affirmation of Faith

in unison

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

From the Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA) Book of Confessions, 11.1

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: By God's grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God's goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God.

All: The good news is as true as it was on creation's first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives.

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

Jack Harkema, Liturgist

Creator God, we are called to be sent forth into the world. We are sent to take all that is good to places of brokenness, all that is beautiful to those who live in despair. We are called and commissioned to be faithful disciples by Jesus. May the words of scripture read and proclaimed fill us with the very breath of the Spirit, God's grace to empower us for this work. Amen.

Children's Sermon and Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Scripture Readings

Genesis 1:1-5 & John 1:1-5

Jack Harkema, Liturgist

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

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Sermon

A Triune Beginning and a Triune Sending

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Special Music

L'agréable

Marian Marias

[Two Old French Dances]

(1656-1728)

Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, cello

Marlene Brewbaker, piano

Minute for Stewardship

Stewardship of our Facility

Jeff Arbour

Offering

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Invitation

Offertory

Jesu, Meine Freude

J.S. Bach

[Jesus, My Joy]

Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, cello

Marlene Brewbaker, piano

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Jack Harkema, 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 #298**

Lord, You Give the Great Commission, vs. 1, 2, 4,5

[Abbot's Leigh]

*** Charge**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

*** Benediction**

in unison

**And now, may the peace of creation's Imagination,
the peace of grace's Word,
the peace of hope's Spirit,
and the deep, deep peace
of God in Community, Holy in One,
be with you this day and for always. Amen.**

Postlude

All Glory Be to God on High
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

J.S. Bach

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: Jennifer Gordon, Sue Cobbett & David Horner

Liturgy this morning was adapted from words by the Rev. Thom Shuman at Lectionary Liturgies. Online at: <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2023/05/liturgy-wcommunion-for-june-4-2023.html>

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

Education Hour

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>

Next Week: June 7, 2026; Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Leviticus 19:33-34; Luke 10:25-37

All Church Picnic After Church

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