



Deeper in Faith

Week 1
Spiritual Formation & Discernment

Presbyterian Church of Okemos

June 21, 2026

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

PRELUDE

Variations on *Westminster Abbey*
[Christ is Made the Sure Foundation]
Variation 1, Diapasons
Variation 2, Cornet
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ewen Todd, Liturgist

One: I invite you to draw near to the Holy One as we gather in this place around the communion table and font, symbols by which we are reminded of Jesus' presence with us.

All: Known by God, we enter into worship, prayer, and supplication, our souls reflecting the love of God in the presence of one another.

One: We come to delight in the One who is there, always.

All: God sees and knows the desires of our hearts.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

Ewen Todd, Liturgist

Holy One, we gather with rejoicing. We boldly lay our sorrows and burdens before you. We bring our whole selves, all that is known to us in our families and community and also all that is known only in our own hearts. At your invitation we draw near to receive you into our lives and to be renewed. Amen.

*HYMN #394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation, vs. 1-4
[Westminster Abbey]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Holy One knows us already, knows us more fully than we know ourselves. God sees what we fear and turn away from. God has already suffered those pains we deny and inflict on others. Still, God loves us and invites us to confession.

All: We have learned a lot about you, Holy One. There have been lots of classes, presentations, and discussions. Many of these have tried to show us the right way to understand. We receive all these witnesses, both contemporary and ancient. Yet our own witness can sometimes feel stilted or underwhelming. We confess that we long for depth. While we reveal ourselves to you defensively, we yearn to feel the warmth of your love on our faces. Forgive us for our timidness and reluctance. Show us how to search for you with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strengths. Bring us to walk with you on your paths. Amen.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Our God is slow to anger, quick to forgive, and abiding in steadfast love. Believe the Good News this day: in Christ Jesus we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Ewen Todd, Liturgist

Holy Lord, open our hearts and minds this day that we may both see, and seek, a renewed faith in you through the Word read and your message proclaimed. In Christ’s name we pray: Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 42:1-8

Ewen Todd, Liturgist

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND TIME OF WONDER

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SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:23-31

Pastor Lisa Schrott

MEDITATION

Deeper in Faith: Knowledge, Truth and Trust

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Balm in Gilead

arr. H.T. Burleigh

Amira Coleman, soprano

Marlene Brewbaker, organ

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Simbolei Academy

Ellen Hoekstra

OFFERING

Pastor Lisa Schrott

INVITATION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Variation 3, Ayre, *Westminster Abbey*

Richard Proulx

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Holy One, you bring all things into being. You sustain us with every breath. You inspire all your creations with freedom and love. You redeem us through your son Jesus Christ, and you shower your favor upon us through the many gifts we receive. We lift our thanks and praise to you. Amen.

INVITATION TO OUR SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

One: Walk with us, Jesus, as we make our spiritual journey through this world. Open our hearts to welcome all those you walk alongside.

All: **Walk with us, Jesus. Open our hearts, Jesus.**

One: Renew in us a sense of wonder for your vast creation. By your will, shape us into beings who work for the betterment of all that is around us.

All: **May our values reflect the heart of who we are, that love may shine through our words and deeds as we interact with the faithful and the seekers alike.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ewen Todd, 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 # 817**

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight, vs. 1-4
[Dunlap's Creek]

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

POSTLUDE

Variation 4, Trumpet Tune, *Westminster Abbey*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Richard Proulx

**Please rise in body/spirit as you are able.*

Ushers: Jill Tribell, Jack Harkema, Beth Layhe, Bill Given

Fellowship Time: Thank you to the Parish Life Committee for supplying birthday cake to celebrate members and friends who were born in June. Thank you to Edward Ennen for preparing the coffee and washing the dishes.

Hymn Notes

Westminster Abbey was written as part of a larger anthem by the great English composer Henry Purcell (1659-1695). The majestic hymn tune is featured in some of the oldest hymnals in the world and is currently favored for royal services including coronations and weddings. At the age of 20, Purcell was appointed organist at Westminster Abbey, a position he retained until his death. He was buried in the Abbey's north aisle adjoining the organ.

Next week: June 28, 2026

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and Matthew 21:12-17

Congregational Meeting following worship: Session has called a Congregational Meeting for June 28, 2026. The purpose of the meeting is to modify Pastor Lisa's Terms of Call to reflect a change in the payment of benefits. The meeting will be in person and via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84065852997>

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