



Deeper in Faith

Week 3
Values & Practices

Presbyterian Church of Okemos

July 5, 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

Sweet Remembrance Op. 19 No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn

Gail Lytle Lira, piano

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Elliot Ryser, Liturgist

One: This is the day that God has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

One: We seek to keep your covenant and commandments, O God,

All: For all of your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: As we worship and praise you, lead us in your truth.

All: Allow us to know your ways and teach us your paths.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Holy One, we long to deepen our devotion to you. Your son Jesus taught us how, and inspired our spiritual mothers and fathers to live as if those teachings matter. Open our hearts and minds, to follow along your paths, to bear witness to the fruits of your Spirit, and to practice day in and day out what we say we believe. Amen.

*HYMN #36

For the Fruit of All Creation, vs. 1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our biases, jealousy, selfishness, pride, and stinginess, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our transgressions. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess the ways we have missed the mark.

All: Holy One, we regularly claim that we love you with all our mind, and all our heart, and all our strength. But we deceive ourselves. We overlook your commandments and turn away from opportunities to grow in kindness and gentleness. We ignore our neighbor and over-focus on our own comfort and

status. We miss moments of awe and forget to say, “thank you.” We fail to come to you in prayer and refuse to admit when we are wrong, much less ask for forgiveness. In so many ways, we act as if what we profess we believe does not matter. Forgive us. Rekindle our love for you. 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

Elliot Ryser, 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 139:1-10

Elliot Ryser, Liturgist

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND TIME OF WONDER

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SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:13-25 (CEB)

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MEDITATION

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OFFERING

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INVITATION

OFERTORY

Nocturne No. 5

John Field

***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 (see insert)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

One: God of Hope – 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: God of Love – 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.
One: God of Wisdom – allow us to see in all beings a reflection of the depths of your glory.
All: May the hope of others inspire us and carry us forward.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Lisa Schrott

INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give both thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Communion will be served by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip into the cup of juice and partake as you return to your seat. The bread is gluten, soy, nut and dairy free so all may partake together.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Bruyeres (Heather)

Claude Debussy

Gail Lytle Lira, piano

COMMUNION PRAYER

***HYMN #338**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies, vs. 1-3

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION (in unison)**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

We are charged to go out into the world loving God with our whole being and our neighbor as ourselves. To work for justice. To be generous and humble. Take care of the vulnerable. To spend time in Creation. To build community. To walk, sing, and dance as we go.

POSTLUDE

Postludium Op. 13 No. 10

Ernst von Dohnanyi

Gail Lytle Lira, piano

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

Ushers: Jane Paterson, Jill Tribell, Tom Schaberg, Keith Camann

Flowers: The flowers beautifying our sanctuary today are from Pastor Lisa Schrott and Brian McWilliams in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Fellowship Time: Thank you to Edward Ennen for taking care of the coffee.

Next week: July 12, 2026

Scripture: Mark 6: 37-44 and 1 Kings 19:1-6

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