



Deeper in Faith

Week 4
Where is God?

Presbyterian Church of Okemos

July 12, 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

Suite in D Major

Leonardo Vinci

[Prelude, Allegretto]

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Kent Workman, Liturgist

One: Living God, we gather today with joy and anticipation.

All: We come seeking you both deep in our souls and beyond our borders.

One: We come to worship and praise you.

All: In our singing, our listening, our praying, and our giving,

One: Grant us stillness, quiet, and open hearts,

All: That we may be led by your Word and Spirit.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

Kent Workman, Liturgist

Holy One, lift us out of the routine of our daily lives and set us up on your holy mountain where we might pray, as Jesus often did, in the silence of our hearts, away from the noise of the world. Open our eyes that we might see as if for the first time. Open our ears that we might hear your voice. Inspire us to be who you have called us to be and do what you ask us to do to bring about your kingdom on earth. Amen.

*HYMN #410

God Is Calling Through the Whisper, vs. 1-3

[W Zlobie Lezy]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Psalmist says, "Search me and know my heart, test me and know my thoughts." We dare not come before you, O God, unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are and allow ourselves to be fully seen by you, acknowledging our mistakes, our regrets, and our shortcomings. In this spirit, let us confess the ways we have fallen short.

All: Holy One, we say that we love you with all our heart, mind, and soul. But our actions and inaction speak louder than our good thoughts and good words. We have failed to spend time alone with you. Instead, we have put busyness, schedules, pleasurable distractions, and possessions before you, and often before our loved ones. We have assumed it is enough to worship and participate in the life of this community of faith and too often turned a blind eye to the communities beyond these church walls. Forgive us and help us walk more humbly and lovingly in your world. 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

Kent Workman, Liturgist

All that we have, and all that we are, comes from God. We are invited by God to share our God-given gifts, so that all may know Jesus' loving and saving power.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6: 30-44

Kent Workman, Liturgist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND TIME OF WONDER

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SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 19: 1-16

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MEDITATION

*Deeper in Faith: Where is God?
Stillness, Solitude, Silence & Service
Pastor Lisa Schrott*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Balm in Gilead
Amira Coleman, soprano
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

arr. H.T. Burleigh

OFFERING

Pastor Lisa Schrott

INVITATION

OFERTORY

Suire in D Major
[Allegretto, Leggiero]

Leonardo Vinci

***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: Holy One, you have graciously provided a world filled with beauty, light, plants and animals, mountains, music, and people with whom to share it all.

All: You also gave us silence, and stillness, and solitude to better hear you and follow you.

One: Guide us on the pathways that lead us to you,

All: both deep within, and in the world around us.

One: Inspire us and fill us with your Spirit

All: that we might go out into the world to serve you and serve others.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kent Workman, 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.

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***HYMN #547**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing, vs. 1-3

[Ar Hydy Nos]

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Finale

Francesco Manfredini

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

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

Ushers: Jeff & Michele Arbour, Gary & Trudy Sturk

Fellowship Time: Thank you to Barbara Dorr for supplying snacks today and to everyone who has brought them so far this year. Thanks to all who've prepared coffee and washed dishes this year as well. Would you like to take a turn supporting fellowship time? Summer is a good time for a trial run with lower attendance and less time constraints.

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