



Deeper in Faith

Week 5
Nature. Sabbath. and Rest

Presbyterian Church of Okemos

July 26, 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

Two Miniatures on *Dix*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Michael Burkhardt

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Ewen Todd, Liturgist

One: Come and see what God has done!

All: We bring our whole selves into God's presence to witness God's amazing power.

One: All the power and beauty of God's creation is before us to explore.

All: We open our hearts to marvel at God's great works.

One: In awe and wonder, we gather ourselves as a community.

All: And celebrate all that God has made.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

Ewen Todd, Liturgist

Holy One, even as storms rage around us, we see your goodness and beauty reflected in streaks of lightning and booms of thunder. In pouring rain and mountains of snow, we see your intricate creation. In both calm and chaos, we yearn to know what message you have for us this day. Help us to listen for your message of love. Amen.

*HYMN #14

For the Beauty of the Earth, vs. 1-4

[Dix]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Today we are invited to take time to listen for the Creator God to speak to us. Remembering the times when we have done too little, and for the times when we have done too much and caused harm, we bring our wrong actions to God for forgiveness and repentance.

All: Holy One, as we move through the seasons of life with rapid feet and busy schedules, help us to pause. Allow us moments in which we can focus not only on our immediate needs but also the needs and hopes of our souls. Let us not forget the responsibilities you have placed on us: to help the poor, to promote justice and righteousness, and to show mercy. Today, Redeeming God, let us pause to remember who we are and who we have been called to be: disciples doing the work of Jesus Christ in the world. Allow us to consider new perspectives, and help us to engage in ministries that alleviate suffering and that demonstrate your love for the 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

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

Psalms 65

Ewen Todd, Liturgist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND TIME OF WONDER

Pastor Lisa Schrott

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

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MEDITATION

Deeper in Faith: Nature, Sabbath & Rest

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SPECIAL MUSIC

This Is My Father's World

arr. Jason Krug

PCO Handbell Trio

Linda Cravotta, Lou Cravotta and Sarah Mayhew

OFFERING

Pastor Lisa Schrott

INVITATION

OFERTORY

Ayre

Arcangelo Corelli

***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: Great Creator and lover of creation, we pray for the earth.

All: May we learn to live in harmony with this great gift.

One: We pray for all who live upon the earth;

All: May we live in peace with the whole community of your creation.

One: God of Hope – renew in us a sense of wonder for your vast creation.

All: By your will, shape us into beings who work for the betterment of all that is around us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Ewen Todd, Liturgist

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (We invite you to use the language below)

Heavenly Father, help us keep your name holy. Let your kingdom come, and your will be done, on earth in the way it is in heaven. Provide for us today what we need, and forgive us wrongs we have done, as we forgive those who wrong us. Keep us from falling into temptation and protect us from evil. Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN #38**

To Bless the Earth, vs. 1-4
Psalm 65 [Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben]

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

POSTLUDE

Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Johann Gottfried Walther

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

Ushers: David & Kathi Cook, Ron & Barbara Dorr

Fellowship Time: Thank you to Ruth Cumbow and Jane Dettore for supplying snacks today and to Edward Ennen for making coffee and washing dishes. Would you like to take a turn supporting fellowship time in one of these ways? Summer is a good time for a trial run with lower attendance and fewer time constraints.

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Next Week: August 2, 2026, Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-8, Philippians 1:9-11, & Romans 12:1-2

Reception following worship to welcome the Rev. Aaron Punt and family, hosted by the APNC.

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