



Deeper in Faith

Week 6
Spiritual Discernment

Presbyterian Church of Okemos

August 2, 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

If Thou but Trust in God
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Georg Boehm

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

One: Make a joyful noise, everyone!

All: Serve God with gladness, enter God's presence by singing.

One: Know that God is good.

All: The Lord made us, and we are God's; we are God's people.

One: God is good! Bless God's name.

All: We give thanks to God for God's love and faithfulness to all generations.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY *(unison)*

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

Ever-present God, you are the source of all knowledge and strength. As we discern your will in our lives and in our communities, help us to listen for your voice and know the path you have placed before us. In your holy name we pray: Amen.

*HYMN #816

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee, vs. 1-3
[Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Aaron Punt

One: God's grace is given freely to us, and God continues to love us, even when we sin and fall short of the glory of God. Knowing that God loves us unconditionally, let us confess our sins.

All: Merciful God, we don't always do well at listening to you, or noticing your guidance. We are unaware of you, your presence, and ignore your leading. When we aren't able to hear you, it is more difficult for us to love and serve you and others. Forgive us. Help us to be better at listening to your voice and noticing

your movement and guidance in our lives, so that we can fulfill our calling to be light for the world.
Amen.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor Aaron Punt

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

Jennifer Gordon, 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

Proverbs 3:5-8 (CEB)

Jennifer Gordon, Liturgist

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND TIME OF WONDER

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SCRIPTURE

Philippians 1:9-11 (CEB)

Pastor Aaron Punt

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-2 (NRSV-UE)

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MEDITATION

Deeper in Faith: Insight & Discernment

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OFFERING

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INVITATION

OFERTORY

Adagio from Concerto in A minor

Antonio Vivaldi

Trans. by J.S. Bach

***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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Allegro from Concerto in G minor for Two Cellos

Antonio Vivaldi

Barbara Fretwell-Cooke, cello; Connor Haskel, cello

Marlene Brewbaker, piano

***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 Discernment, you give us the paths of righteousness to follow.

All: **Show us the ways forward that you would have us travel.**

One: God of Compassion, you love us even when we get it wrong. Help us to listen to you and get it right.

All: **God of Mercy, open our senses that we may be open to your presence and your Spirit in our midst.**

One: Holy One: your divine awareness of our world far exceeds our own.

All: **Remind us that we can trust in you both today and always.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Aaron Punt & 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

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor Aaron Punt

***HYMN #722**

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak, vs. 1-5
[Canonbury]

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in G
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Sam Batt Owens

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

Ushers: Dave Horner, Tom Schaberg, Jane Paterson, Jill Tribell

Welcome Aaron, Elsie, Atticus, Edmund and Marilla Punt to the PCO Family. Please join the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC) for a reception following worship to officially welcome the Punt family.

Next week: August, 9, 2026

Scripture: ???

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