

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
August 30, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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.

Preparation: “The statement that this is to be God’s name for all time makes two points: it speaks not only of what the people are to do but also of a divine commitment to being a part of this people’s history... Giving the name entails a certain kind of relationship; it opens up the possibility of, indeed admits a desire for, a certain intimacy in relationship. Naming makes true encounter and communication possible. Naming entails availability.” – Dr. Terrence E. Fretheim, in *Exodus. Interpretation. A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching*; 2010, p65.

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Pastor Aaron Punt

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on Psalm 125
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Healey Willan

*** Call to Worship** (adapted from Romans 12)

Patty Wilson, Liturgist

One: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good;

All: Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

One: Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord.

All: Rejoice in hope; be patient in afflictions, persevere in prayer.

One: Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

All: Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

One: Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

All: Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

One: Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

All: If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

*** Hymn #848**

Trust in God, vs. 1-3
[Psalm 125, Song 13]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: In stories and in nature, in sandy deserts and on rocky roads, at school events and Sunday worship, we encounter God. We meet the One who fills every moment with the sacred. We confess our sins, in trust that we can turn aside and notice God welcoming us with forgiveness and hope.

All: Eternal God, we could live at peace with others, but we choose to do wrong to them; we could welcome those we do not know, but choose to close our hearts; we could make outsiders our best friends, but choose the safety of our cliques. Forgive us for our foolish choices. Hold on to our shaky lives, until we learn to clasp your goodness to our hearts, so we can give it away to those around us. Whisper your grace and hopes to us, until we can stop cursing our enemies, and bless them as our friends. Help us put aside our stumbling blocks to discipleship, so we can follow in the footsteps of Moses, listening to your call in our lives. Amen

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

All: We are God's children, called to be different, called to act differently, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

One: It is as a forgiven people that we extend the peace of Christ to each other. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

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

* Act of Praise #581

Gloria Patri

Prayer of Illumination

Patty Wilson, Liturgist

Living God, through the power of your Spirit may the Word heard and proclaimed this morning move within us. May we draw inspiration from the saints who have preceded us and draw support from those who now walk with us on our journey. Empower us to be witnesses to your love, grace and redemption for those who follow us. Amen.

Children's Sermon and Time of Wonder

Pastor Lisa Schrott

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

Pastor Aaron Punt

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What's in a Name? Past, Present, and Future

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Special Music

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar

Evan Haskel, viola

Connor Haskel, cello

Minute for Mission

Cass Community Social Services
October Mission Trip

Beth Layhe

Offering

Pastor Aaron Punt

Invitation

Offertory

Elevation

Dom Paul Benoit

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Patty Wilson, 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 #49**

The God of Abraham Praise, vs. 1-4
[Leoni]

*** Charge & Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

March Royale
Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Jean-Baptiste Lully

** Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: Jennifer Gordon, Sue Cobbett, David Horner

Flowers: The flowers beautifying our sanctuary this morning are from Mickey and Rich Martin.

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you Mickey Martin for supplying our snacks today, to Edward Ennen for preparing the coffee and to Jane Dettore for washing the dishes.

Education Hour is on Summer Break. Enjoy an extended time of fellowship this morning.

Next Week September 6, 2026, Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14 and Matthew 18:15-20

This morning's Prayer of Confession is adapted from words of the Rev. Thom Shuman. Liturgy w/communion for Pentecost 14/Trinity 13/Proper 17/Ordinary 22, Available online at <https://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2023/08/liturgy-wcommunion-for-september-3-2023.html>

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