



Deeper in Faith

Week 7
Co-Laborers in Faith

Presbyterian Church of Okemos

September 13, 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

Air

Gordon Young

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

CHORAL INTROIT

Come and Worship

Karen Marroli

Chancel Choir

Shelby Laird, Director

* CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 133)

Pastor Aaron Punt

One: How very good and pleasant it is when we live together in harmony.

All: It is like being anointed with much precious oil on the head.

One: It is like the dew on the grass in the morning

All: fresh from the quiet night.

One: It is a gift from the Lord.

All: For the Lord has given us a blessing and life forevermore.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (*unison*)

Pastor Aaron Punt

Holy One, you bless us with a community of believers in order that we may be strengthened in love, supported in duty, and bound through mutual respect. Give us today a view of ourselves as part of a great community of saints and disciples who have worked for your sure purposes in the world. Let us see our own gifts and the gifts of others as worthy in your sight, and let us see these gifts as necessary for the sake of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

*HYMN #19

God of Great and God of Small, vs. 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We live in a world in which making it on our own seems to be the ultimate goal. Yet God continually draws us into community with one another. Let us confess now to God the times we have turned away from others for personal gain or because we fear letting people get too close.

All: **Magnificent God, Holy One, hear us as we pray to you. We ask your forgiveness for times when we have failed to live in community and right relationship with one another; for times when we have hurt others on purpose or inadvertently through our deeds and actions. You show us through your disciples that we are meant to work together but we acknowledge that this can be both challenging and difficult. Give us your grace and your wisdom, that we might live into the loving communities you imagine for us. Bring us alongside others whose faith can lift us and support us as we move through 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

Pastor Aaron Punt

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND TIME OF WONDER

BLESSING OF OUR BACKPACKS

Pastor Aaron Punt & Pastor Lisa Schrott

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Pastor Lisa Schrott

MEDITATION

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ANTHEM

Come, Let Us Sing

Alice Jordan

Chancel Choir,

Shelby Laird, Director

MINUTE FOR ENGAGEMENT

Confirmation Commissioning (see insert)

OFFERING

Pastor Lisa Schrott

INVITATION

OFERTORY

Album Leaf

Gordon Young

***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)

Pastor Lisa Schrott

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

One: There are many whose burdens are heavy, and who feel lost and alone.

All: Give us the wisdom, courage, mercy, and generosity to be a people who make space for others, through witnessing their struggles and walking alongside them.

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

All: 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: Allow us to see in all beings a reflection of the depths of your glory.

All: Strengthen us for our work as co-laborers with Christ. May we feel the grace upon grace that pours forth from God's love.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Aaron Punt

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 #733**

We All Are One in Mission, vs. 1-3
(Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein)

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

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Go out into the world loving God with your whole being and your neighbor as yourself. Work for justice. Be generous and humble. Take care of the vulnerable. Spend time in Creation. Build community. Walk, sing, and dance as you go. And may the peace of God, guard your hearts and your minds. Today and always. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Sing to His Name
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

Gilbert M. Martin

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

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk, Jeff & Michele Arbour

Fellowship Time: Ice Cream Social sponsored by Parish Life. All ages! Toppings galore! Thank you Parish Life. Thank you to Edward Ennen for making the coffee and to Dave Rumminger for washing the dishes.

Next Week: September 20, 2026

Scripture: Jonah 3:10-4:11, Psalm 145:1-8, and Matthew 20:1-16

Education Hour returns following worship

Elementary Education in Room 116 led by Barbara Fretwell-Cooke

Middle School with Kathi Cook in the Middle School Room

High School Youth and Adults: Simbolei Academy, Iten, Kenya update. Information on June, 2027 trip.

Please note: Brief Congregational Meeting, Sunday September 20 following worship.

The Session has called a brief congregational meeting on Sunday, September 20 to act on a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to revise the Terms of Call for Associate Pastor Aaron Punt. This meeting will be in person and via Zoom.

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