

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
October 16, 2022
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



COVID-19 Safety Recommendations

- *Masking is now optional during the service (including while singing).*
- *Remember that young children may not have been vaccinated.*

Preparation: “Joy is not made to be a crumb.” - Poet Mary Oliver

Prelude

Sing to His Name
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

Gilbert M. Martin

Choral Introit

O, Sing To the Lord
PCO Chancel Choir

Eleanor Daley

Invitation to our Shared Ministry

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 118)

Linda Cravotta, Liturgist

One: Give thanks to the Lord for the Lord is good, for God’s mercy endures forever.

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!

One: The hand of the Lord has struck with power; the hand of the Lord is exalted.

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!

One: The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!

* **Hymn #371**

New Songs of Celebration Render, vs. 1-3
[Rendez A Dieu]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Clothed with the mantle of baptism and ensured by God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sins to God and to one another.

All: Merciful God, we confess that we do not always desire what is your will. We fear failure and cling to unquestioned habits. In our own lives, and in the life of the church, we too often rely on our power rather than yours. Forgive us, we pray. Take away from us a spirit of cowardice, and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used. Help us love our neighbors as ourselves. Show us the path of your prophetic way. Open our eyes to new ventures. Renew us, in the name of life abundant, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Promise of the Gospel

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Hear the sound of love poured out: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. Friends, in the name of Christ, I declare that your story is known, your sin is forgiven, your life is made new.

All: Let us believe the good news! In Christ we are a new creation. Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: As a forgiven people, let us greet each other, sharing the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

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

*** Act of Praise #581**

Gloria Patri

Children's Sermon

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Special Music

Canticle of the Sun
Spencer Locke, tuba
Andrew Mayhew, euphonium

Larry Clark

New Testament Scripture

Luke 7:1-10

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Prayer of Illumination

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Lord God, we sing a new song of praise to you for the gift of this new day. May the Spirit open us to you. May we breathe in your love so deeply that every cell is filled and we become wholly yours, and every breath becomes a new song to you. Amen.

Old Testament Scripture

Psalm 98:1-3

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Together for Joy: New Songs
Pastor Lisa Schrott

Anthem

A New Song to the Lord
PCO Chancel Choir
Alirna Korieva, violinist

Eugene Butler

Offering

Pastor Rebekah Anderson

Invitation

Offertory

In Thee is Gladness

Dale Wood

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Linda Cravotta, Liturgist

One: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer "...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

* **Hymn #79**

Light Dawns on a Weary World, vs. 1-3

[Temple of Peace]

* **Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Postlude

Postlude in G

Henry Kihlken

Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organist

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Education Time: Pastor Lisa will facilitate a discussion on Gun Violence: How Does Scripture Inform Our Understanding

Next Week's Scripture: Psalm 98:4-6

Ushers: *Ron & Barbara Dorr, Morrie & Barbara Hoevel*

This Morning's Fellowship Team: *Thank you to the Locke family for bringing snacks.*

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