

**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos
September 15, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**



Preparation: “To pray is, first of all, to let one’s mind be empty. It is to cast aside for a while “the self” that has existed until now, letting only God live in one’s heart.”-- Masahisa Goi, founder of the Peace Pole Project

Gathering As a People of God

Prelude

Processional Prelude on *Hyfrydol*
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

John G. Barr

Lighting the Candles

Choral Introit

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Rebecca Mattern

*** Opening Sentences**

Zach Krawczyk, liturgist

One: Our Scripture this week invites us to remember the baptism of Jesus and the message that we, as followers of Jesus, are changed constantly “from the inside out.” Transformation does not start with the action of change itself, but a willingness within our own spirits to “lean into” the life path that is calling us.

All: **God refreshes us from the inside out with the water of life and spirit. God’s presence is within us and re-shaping our spirits each day. Calm our fears, and animate our spirit for this time of discovery.**

*** Hymn #366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vs. 1-4
[Hyfrydol]

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. Our old selves were crucified with him, so that we might be slaves to sin no more. Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

All: **Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**
(Silent prayer) **Amen.**

Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Hear the sound of love poured out. If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. Everything old has passed away. Our story is known, our sin is forgiven, our life is made new.

All: We are a new creation! Thanks be to God! Amen.

One: Friends, believe the good news. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Extend this same grace to your neighbors around you. May the peace of the Lord be with you.

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

* **Act of Praise #581**

Gloria Patri

The Word

Prayer of Illumination

Hymn #288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Children's Message

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Scripture Reading

Mark 1: 4-15 (The Message)

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Sermon

Inside Out

Anthem

Chancel Choir,
Westin Sorrel, director

Responding to the Word

Minute for Service

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Kent Workman

Offering

Invitation

Rebecca Mattern

Offertory

Dona Nobis Pacem

arr: Christine Sullivan Robbins

[Grant Us Peace]

***Doxology #606**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

Zach Krawczyk, 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.

Sent Out As a People of God

* **Hymn #378**

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom, vs. 1-4

[Merle's Tune]

Rites of Passage in Times of Change

Rededication of the PCO Peace Pole

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Ellen Hoekstra, David Horner, Beth Layhe, & Jayne Zuhlke

Please exit through the doors to the Circle Drive and gather around the Peace Pole.

During the liturgy of rededication, you will be invited to face East, South, West, and North in turn.

One: May Peace Prevail on Earth

All: May Peace Prevail on Earth

* **Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Go into the world knowing that the Potter God is still shaping and reshaping you as you were made to do; that the Teacher Jesus is inviting you to a change of heart, making it all so very possible; and that the Adventurous Spirit is luring you to more play and curiosity in your precious life.

All: We will go in peace and be encouraged. Amen!

Benediction Response

Let There Be On Earth (see last page)

* *Please rise in body or spirit*

Ushers: Morrie and Barbara Hoevel, Ron and Barbara Dorr

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Parish Life for supplying a cake to celebrate members and friends who were born in September. Thank you also to Edward Ennen and Gary VanKempen for taking care of the coffee.

Education Hour:

Children through 4th grade: Room 116

Middle School Youth 5th-8th grade: Middle School Room (107)

Intergenerational Bible Study for Youth and Adults: Board Room

Adults: Pastor Lisa will present a summary of the actions of the PC(USA) General Assembly: Fellowship Hall

Next Week September 22, 2024: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture: John 12:20-26

Education Hour:

Children, Youth, and Intergenerational Bible Study classes continue

Adult: Healthy Boundaries for the Whole Church: What does it mean and why is it important? Led by The Rev. Dr. Fran Lane-Lawrence, Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. (Note this will be from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and include lunch): Fellowship Hall.

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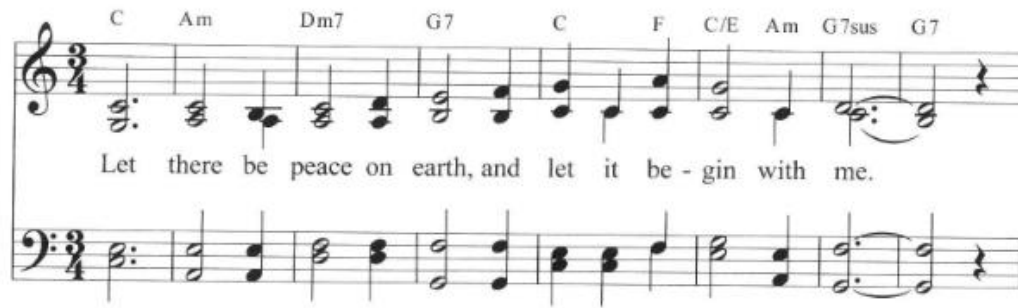
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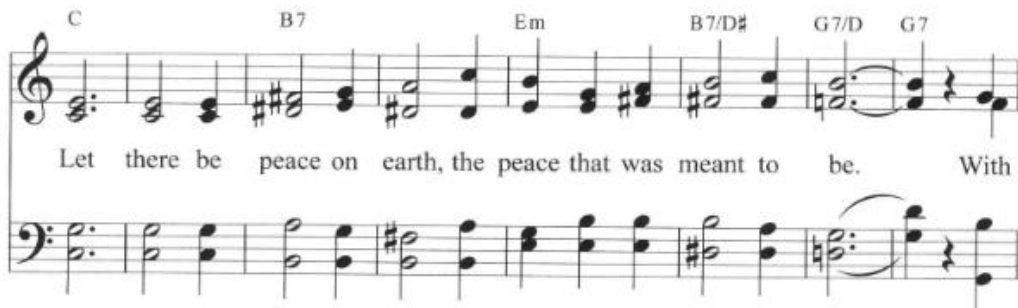
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C Am Dm7 G7 C F C/E Am G7sus G7



Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

C B7 Em B7/D# G7/D G7



Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With

Am Em C7 F Em/G G7 C



God our cre - a - tor, we are fam - i - ly.

Am7 D7 G Am7 Bm/D D7 G G7



Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Verse 2

Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me