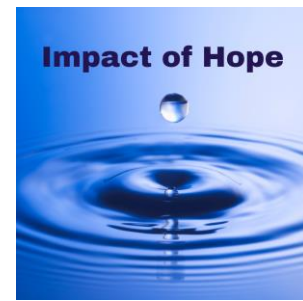


**The Presbyterian Church of Okemos  
November 3, 2024  
Twenty Fourth Sunday After Pentecost  
Commitment Sunday**



**Preparation:** "I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." Mother Teresa

**Gathering As a People of God**

**Prelude**

Prelude on *Slane*  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

John G. Barr

**Choral Introit**

*O Taste and See*  
PCO Chancel Choir  
Westin Sorrel, director

**Setting the Table**

**Invitation to Our Shared Ministry**

Rebecca Mattern

**\* Call to Worship**

Patty Wilson, liturgist

One: Here, in the midst of community, we come to worship you.

**All: We come with the groans of our lives, and the whispers of hope in our hearts.**

One: Here, in the midst of community we come to remember you.

**All: We come, trusting you have not forgotten us; and that here, promises will be fulfilled.**

One: Here, in the midst of community we come to have our hearts touched.

**All: We come, knowing you hear our souls; we come, to praise you for your steadfast love.**

**\* Hymn #450**

*Be Thou My Vision*, vs. 1-4  
[Slane]

**Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life's end. Although we fail to always fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sin and the sin of this world.

**All: God of mercy, in you we have received abundance: creation that overflows with beauty and bounty, a great cloud of witnesses to teach and nurture us; unmerited grace upon grace; and love whose depth knows no bound. And yet, sometimes we get stuck thinking that we have so little and that if we just had more stuff, more security, and more achievements our lives would have more meaning. Forgive us**

**Lord for our self-centeredness. Forgive us for the ways we cling to our independence. Help us rest in the daily bread we receive. May we face the world with hope, love, and faith, trusting you to provide. In Christ's name we pray.**  
(Silent Confession) **Amen.**

**Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

One: Because we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are also raised to life with him.  
Believe the good news of the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

One: Having received God's grace, let us extend grace to others through the passing of the peace. 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 #582**      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*World without end, without end. Amen.*

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*As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

**The Word**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

God of possibility, you have spoken hope to us through the gift of your Son. You know the words we need to hear to be grounded in this hope. Open our eyes to see the new light of this day and open our hearts to believe the Good News. Amen.

**Children's Message**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 37: 1-7

Rebecca Mattern

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**New Testament Reading**

Hebrews 13: 15-16, 20-21

Pastor Lisa Schrott

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Grounded in Hope: Commitment*

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**Anthem**

*At the Table of the Lord*  
PCO Chancel Choir  
Westin Sorrel, director

*Jay Althouse*

*At the table of the Lord bread is broken. At the table of the Lord we are fed.  
We remember now the words that Christ has spoken: "This is my body" He said.  
At the table of the Lord, in thanksgiving, we have come to drink the wine which is poured.  
We remember Him, who died for us, now living. We remember Christ, our Lord.  
At the table of the Lord we are meeting. In communion we are many in one.  
For wherever we are gathered, there our Lord will be, At the table of the Lord we shall be free.*

**Dedication of Our Commitments**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

Please come forward and place your Pledge Cards and Every Member in Ministry Time and Talent Sheets in the basket at the front of the chancel.

**Prayer of Dedication**

Patty Wilson, Chair of Stewardship Committee

**Response of Praise** Hymn #708 - *We Give Thee but Thine Own*, vs. 1

**Responding to the Word**

**Offering**

Rebecca Mattern

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

*I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

Thomas Canning

**\*Doxology #606**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

**The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Rebecca Mattern

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** (ecumenical version). We invite you to recite the version of the Lord's Prayer that is closest to your heart.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**Breaking of the Bread**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

## **Communion of the People**

Communion will be served by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip into the cup of juice. The bread is gluten, soy, nut and dairy free so all may partake together.

## **Communion Prayer**

Rebecca Mattern

## **Sent Out As a People of God**

### **\* Hymn #691**

*Lord, When I Came into This Life*, vs. 1-4  
[Land of Rest]

### **\* Benediction**

Pastor Lisa Schrott

### **Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune in G*  
Dr. Marlene Brewbaker

Sam Batt Owens

## **Congregational Meeting**

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation following worship for the purpose of electing Elders, Deacons, and members of the Endowment Committee. We encourage all to remain for this brief meeting; however only members are eligible to vote. For those joining us via Zoom, the link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89397952993>

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

**Ushers:** Keith Camann, Jane Paterson, Tom Schaberg, Jill Tribell

**This Morning's Fellowship Team:** Thank you to Eward Ennen and Wayne Scott for taking care of the coffee and to the Locke family for supplying our snacks.

## **Education Hour:**

Children through 4th grade: Room 116

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

Intergenerational Bible Study for Senior High Youth and Adults: Board Room

Digging Deeper into Hebrews: Fellowship Hall

## **Next Week: November 10, 2024: Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Service of Scripture and Song**

**Scripture:** Hebrews 13:1-2; Psalm 46, Ephesians 4:1-6

### **Education Hour:**

Children through 4th grade: Room 116

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

Confirmation Class: Temple Room

No Intergenerational or Adult Education. We encourage all to attend the PCO Out on the Town Event: The Larzelere Lecture at The Peoples Church featuring Dr. William Yoo.

The Call to Worship is adapted from words by the Rev. Thom Shuman. It can be found online at <https://www.liturgylink.net/2012/04/03/good-friday-ctw-in-the-midst/>

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