The Presbyterian Church of Okemos **February 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany**

Gathering As a People of God

Invitation to Our Shared Ministry

Welcoming New Members Jane Dettore Elliot Ryser

Prelude

Thanks Be to Thee Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ George Frideric Handel

Lighting the Candle

Choral Introit Kyrie Eleison (Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us) PCO Chancel Choir Westin Sorrel, director

* Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 138)

Beth Layhe, Liturgist One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

- I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you All: have exalted your name and your word above everything.
- One: On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.
- All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for they have heard the words of All: vour mouth.
- They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. One:
- All: The steadfast love of the Lords endures forever!
- *** Hymn** #334 With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring, vs. 1-4 Psalm 138 [St. Petersburg]

Prayer of Confession

Rebecca Mattern

- One: Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.
- All: God of the universe and Creator of all that is, we admit that too often we fail to be honest about our lives. Sometimes we are deceitful; other times we judge ourselves



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harshly and feel unworthy of your call on our lives. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. Touch us with your grace and dispel our fear, that we may arise with renewed spirits to serve you. *Silent prayer*. Amen.

 Promise of the Gospel and Passing of the Peace
 Rebecca Mattern

 One:
 The promise is this: God is faithful and steadfast, eager to forgive our sin and welcome us home.

- All: This is the good news we have received. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.
- 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

The Word

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Prayer of Illumination

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, by the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to hear your word with understanding, that in our speech and actions, we may exalt your name above all things; in Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

Children's Message

Old Testament Reading			Isaiah 6:1-8	Rebecca Mattern
	One:	The Word of	God for the people of God.	
All:	Thanl	ks be to God.		

New Testament Scripture	Luke 5:1-11	Rev. Alissa Davis			
One: The Word of God for	The Word of God for the people of God.				
All: Thanks be to God.	Thanks be to God.				
Sermon	Who is Jesus? One Who Calls Helpers	Rev. Alissa Davis			

* Affirmation of Faith (From the Brief Statement of Faith, the PC(USA) Book of Confessions, 11.4)

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith sharing together in a portion of the Brief Statement of Faith

All: We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

Special MusicJoshua Fit The Battle of Jerichoarr. Martha Lynn ThompsonPCO Handbell Choir
Irene Shutt, director

Responding to the Word

Minute for Service	Simbolei Academy Trip	Ellen Hoekstra
Offering		Rebecca Mattern
Invitation Offertory	We Shall Walk Through the Valley	arr. Undine Smith Moore
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Lord, we shall walk in peace. We shall walk through the valley in peace, If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no trials there, If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

*Doxology #606 *Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

One: Lord, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

in unison

Beth Layhe, liturgist

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 Jesus Calls Us, vs. 1-4 [Galilee]

* Hymn #720

Rev. Alissa Davis

Andre Campra

* Benediction

Postlude

Rigaudon Dr. Marlene Brewbaker, organ

The Prayer of Confession and Promise of the Gospel are adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1,* 012.

Guest Preacher: We welcome Rev. Alissa Davis to the pulpit today. She is a 2011 graduate of Alma College, who went on to receive her M.Div. from Western Theological Seminary in Holland, MI. She lives in Midland with her husband - Matt, two daughters - Annabeth and Abigail, and their Havanese pup - Miles. Together they enjoy hiking, reading and singing Veggie Tales in the car.

Ushers: Gary & Trudy Sturk, Jeff & Michele Arbour

This Morning's Fellowship Team: Thank you to Tom Schaberg and Dave Rumminger for taking care of the coffee and to the youth group for hosting the soup lunch.

Immediately Following Worship: The Souper Bowl of Caring.

Featuring soups made by the youth: chicken noodle, tomato and chili, as well as sancocho made by Juan Carlos Roya. Bidding closes at Noon for the soup bowl auction. All funds raised support the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

Next Week: February 16, 2025

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-10 and Luke 6:17-19

All Ages Education Hour: Jesus as a Healer. We will explore Jesus' acts of healing through art and drama.

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