



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49417

10:00 a.m.

November 8, 2020

Prayerful Action Sermon Series

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor

Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor

Rev. Scott Stanley, Parish Associate

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With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds...to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and a lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.

Abraham Lincoln,
"Second Inaugural Address"

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PRELUDE—*Like a River In My Soul*

recording: Traditional Spiritual, arr. Tim Osiek

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 78)

Rev. Dale C. Swihart, Jr.

One: People of God, open your ears!

All: Come and celebrate the story of our God,

One: a story of compassion and mercy, of redemption and love; a story passed down from generation to generation,

All: so that God's people never forget the wonderful things our God has done! Let us praise God together!

LIGHTING THE CANDLE TOGETHER

OPENING SONG—*Even the Impossible*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. (time for silent confession)

RESPONSE—*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Hymn #624, vs. 2

Thou art the King, of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in every place: so come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE—*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

Hymn #624, vs. 4

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness; no harshness hast thou and no bitterness. O grant to us the grace we find in thee, that we may dwell in perfect unity.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson—Matthew 5:38-42

Second Lesson—Esther 9:1-6

*For those who are able, please stand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY—*Come As You Are**DOXOLOGY—*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF THANKS

*CLOSING SONG—*We Won't Be Shaken*

*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

One: As we faithfully live our lives in this coming week, what does God call us to do?

All: **We are called to celebrate God's grace as a Christ-centered community of acceptance, growing in faith and living as Christ's hands to serve.**

*BENEDICTION and CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—*Let There Be Peace*POSTLUDE—*Finlandia*

Jean Sibelius

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!

*The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory of God
in loving memory of my husband, Don, by Shirley Swifney and family.*

Our Church Family & Friends

Congratulations! Great-grandparents, Sally & Bob Kenrick on the October 23rd birth of Klara Marie. Klara's parents are Karl & Allison (Kenrick) Adams.

Our prayers of sympathy: To Tom & Susan Joelson Lentz and family on the November 4th death of Tom's mother, Leona Lentz.

Prayer requests: Brian Anderson and Joan Tandler, Betty Berg, Mary Lou Bender, Anne Guimond, Marilew Helmers, Stan Johnson, Beth Maschewske, Joe McCrea, Beverly Purcell, Barbara Race, Lisa Stoner, and Sandy Teunis

Your ongoing generosity with the church is appreciated! A drop box has been installed between the set of doors at the Clinton Street entrance where you can securely drop off your offering while maintaining "social distancing." You can also mail your offering: 508 Franklin Ave, GH 49417, give online using onrealm.org or text **FPGH** to **73256**. We are working hard to keep the church strong, serving, and ready to relaunch as soon as we are able. *Thank you!*

**Called Congregational Meeting, Sunday, November 22, 2020 11:15 a.m.**

The purpose of the meeting is to elect elders, deacons and Nominating Committee members-at-large. Our by-laws require a quorum of at least 50 church members to be present. Reservations are not required and if you feel comfortable attending this important meeting, please mark your calendar.

Safe in-person meeting guidelines are being followed for social distancing and face masks.

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor, Rev. Dale C. Swihart, Jr., Guest Pastor
Maryanne Beery, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Rob Hlebinsky, Organist
Marc Felt, Gathering Band Director; Meghan Heritage, Nathan Howe, Kim McDonough, Musicians