



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49417

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m.

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor
Rev. Scott Stanley, Parish Associate
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PRELUDE—*Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

LIGHTING THE CANDLE TOGETHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce

One: We gather to share in our love of God.

All: Lord, open our hearts and let us share your Good News.

One: We gather to share our witness to God's goodness.

All: Lord, let our lives bear witness through service to your people.

One: We gather to praise God whose love is eternal.

All: Lord, open our hearts today to sing your praises.

*OPENING HYMN—*O God, Who Gives Us Life*

Hymn 53

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Covenant-making God, you use every possible means to reach us, breathing your Spirit in us, calling us by name, showing us symbols of your promise, offering us a new way of life. We confess that our hearts are hardened. We choose certainty over faith, anxiety over courage, independence over compassion. We turn our eyes from our neighbors in need and from stories of despair. We get caught up in our own needs and desires, and forget you have made us to be your people, together.

Engrave your word on our hard hearts again, O God. Then, break them open for what breaks yours, that your word might sink in and become a part of us, so we might truly live. We pray in the name of Jesus, the One whose love breaks all bounds.
(time for silent confession)

RESPONSE—*There is a Redeemer*

Hymn 443, vs 1

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE—*There Is a Redeemer*

Hymn 443, vs 2

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names, precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain. Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

** for those who are able, please stand.*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson—Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Lesson—John 12:20-33

SERMON

Loving and Losing

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

*RESPONSIVE HYMN—*A Sower Came from Ancient Hills*

Hymn 171, vs 1 & 4

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

PRAYER 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—One Great Hour of Sharing Video

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKS

*CLOSING HYMN—*Spirit, Open My Heart*

Hymn 692

*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—*What Wondrous Love Is This*

Hymn 215, vs 4

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and through eternity I’ll sing on.

POSTLUDE—*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

Flor Peeters

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!



The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory & honor of God in loving memory of my parents, Peter and Jean VanderMeer, and my sister Jill, by Lynne VanderMeer.



Our Church Family & Friends

Congratulations: To Jeff and Kelli Jullie on the March 13th birth of their granddaughter, Madison Juliet.

Prayer requests: Brian Anderson & Joan Tandler, George Barfield, Betty Berg, Larry Braak, Dan Coulier, Jeff & Lisa Hurley, Roger Jonas, Jean Kocher, Bev Purcell, Lisa Stoner, Sandy Teunis and those in our congregation who have tested positive for Covid-19 or who have loved ones who are struggling with



Stations of the Cross:
March 28 at 1:00 p.m.
March 31 at 6:00 p.m.
April 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Clinton Street Parking Lot



Easter Services

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise
*8:15 & 9:30 a.m. - Traditional
*11:00 a.m. - Gathering

*Registration required
Sign up begins Friday, March 26