



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49417

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor
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"It certainly would be unnatural not to hate them, yet I'd have to say I'm unnatural... The Lord gave me shield, I don't know how to describe it myself...I did not wish them dead. I did not wish them in jail. If I had to, I could take their four little children - they each had two - and I could raise them as if they were my own and I could have loved them...I believe the Lord meant what he said, and try to live according to the way I've been taught."

Mamie Mobley, mother of Emmett Till

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PRELUDE—*I Surrender*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

INTROIT—*We Believe*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tommy Langejans

One: Jesus offers a new commandment, that we should love each other.

All: **With the incredible power and the unfathomable depth of God's love for us we can and we must love one another.**

One: And it is in this our love for one another that the world will know God.

All: **Come, children of God, let us love one another.**

LIGHTING THE CANDLE TOGETHER

OPENING HYMN—*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hymn #366

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

Lord, you have made it clear in your Word - love comes from you and the clearest sign of being your children is in the way that we love others. Yet, we struggle with what it means to be loving. We are uncomfortable with those who are different than us and do not allow space for your love. Sometimes it is easier to act out of fear than love, and so we hurt others. Forgive us for our lack of love, and, Lord, teach us your way of love. *(time for silent confession)*

RESPONSE—*Kyrie*

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE—*Glori Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson—Joshua 1:1-9

Second Lesson—1 John 4:7-21

SERMON

Fear Not

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

RESPONSIVE SONG—*10,000 Reasons*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY—*Thank you video from Koinonia Ministries (Belize)*

DOXOLOGY—*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymn #609

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!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you,

All: and also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise...

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE MEAL

SENDING PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN—*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Hymn #729

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 & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—*Changed*

POSTLUDE—*Dix*

Wayne L. Wold

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!



Our Church Family & Friends

Prayer requests: Brian Anderson and Joan Tandler, Mary Lou Bender, Betty Berg, Larry Braak, Anne Guimond, Stan Johnson, Jean Kocher, Mary Jo Nass, Bev Purcell, Lisa Stoner, Barb Race, Sandy Teunis and families in our congregation who have tested positive for Covid-19 or who have loved ones who are struggling with Covid-19.



Valentine-Themed Trivia Night

Join us for our second Church Trivia Night on Zoom! On Thursday, February 11 at 7 pm we'll be asking Valentine's Day/love-themed questions, appropriate for all ages. Win prizes worth millions (well, some chocolate kisses anyway)! Don't miss out on the fun.

Questions contact Pastor Kristine, (kristineab@fpg.org or 616-842-6760) or Tom Hammond, (hammich@hotmail.com or 616-842-7831).

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor;
Maryanne Beery, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Marc Felt, Gathering Band Director;
Rob Hlebinsky, Organist; Tommy Langejans, 5/6th Grade Ministry Coordinator