



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

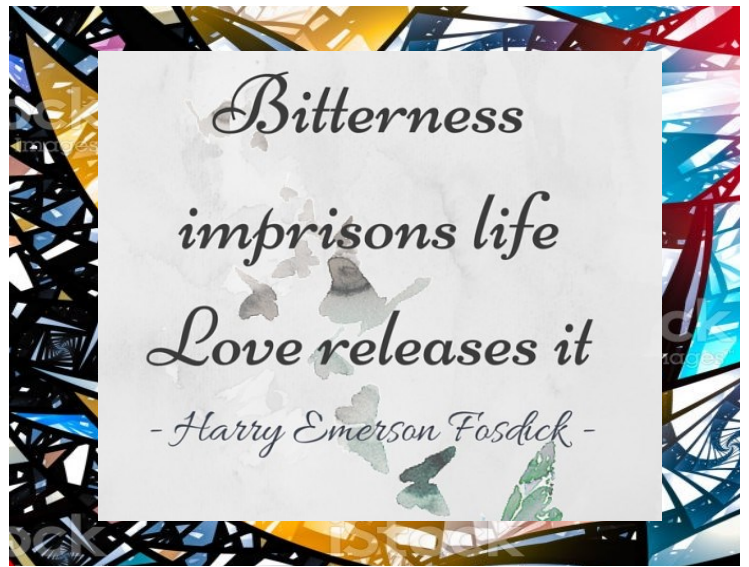
508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49417

10:00 a.m.

October 11, 2020

19th Sunday after Pentecost

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

*“There’s a light that shines, and its power is mine.  
Though our body’s weak and breakable, the spirit is indomitable.”*

Jeff Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT—*Take, O Take Me as I Am*

Hymn #698

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we pass through the waters,  
**All: God is there with us.**  
One: When we suffer and feel hopeless,  
**All: God is there with us.**  
One: When we are joyful and celebratory,  
**All: God is there with us.**  
One: Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,  
**All: God is there with us, always.**  
One: Come, God is with us. Let us worship together!

LIGHTING THE CANDLE TOGETHER

OPENING SONG—*Come, Worship God*

Hymn #386

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Because you dwell in our hearts, Eternal God, you know how anger and bitterness in our lives crowd you out. The noise of the world deafens us to that Word which can heal us. We want our children to be good, kind, and gentle to others, but our desire to come out on top shows that your peace is not within us. You promise a new heaven and a new earth, so create new spirits within us, O God. Shattered by our sin, you can heal our brokenness. Your Spirit, living in us, can teach us faithful ways. Your Word, Jesus Christ our Lord, whispers to us of your mercy, your hope, your 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

One: The Word which can transform is good news for us. It fills us with forgiveness, equips us for service, and sends us forth to love others as God loves us.  
**All: In our midst, the Holy Spirit teaches us all we need to know, gives us what we need in order to be faithful, and fills us with peace. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen**

\*For those who are able, please stand.

RESPONSE—*Gloria 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 Reading—1 Samuel 18:6-16

Second Reading—Esther 5:9-14

SERMON

*Bitterness*

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

RESPONSIVE SONG—*Build Your Kingdom Here*

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.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2021 GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING SONG—*Reckless Love*

\*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—*Give Thanks to God Who Hears our Cries*

Hymn #653 vs. 1, 2, 5, 6

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—*All the People Said Amen*

POSTLUDE—*Prelude and Fugue in C Major*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!**



*The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of my parents, Margaret & G. Stewart Johnson,  
by Nancy Levenburg.*

**Our Church Family & Friends**

**Prayer requests:** Barb Bekins, Brian Anderson and Joan Tandler, Mary Lou Bender, Betty Berg, Marilew Helmers, Stan Johnson, Beth Maschewske, Joe McCrea, Beverly Purcell, Barbara Race, Lisa Stoner, and Jim & 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!*



**Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor; Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor;  
Maryanne Beery, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Rob Hlebinsky, Organist;  
Marc Felt, Gathering Band Director; Aaron Portenga, Nathan Howe, Amy Geren, Musicians

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