



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

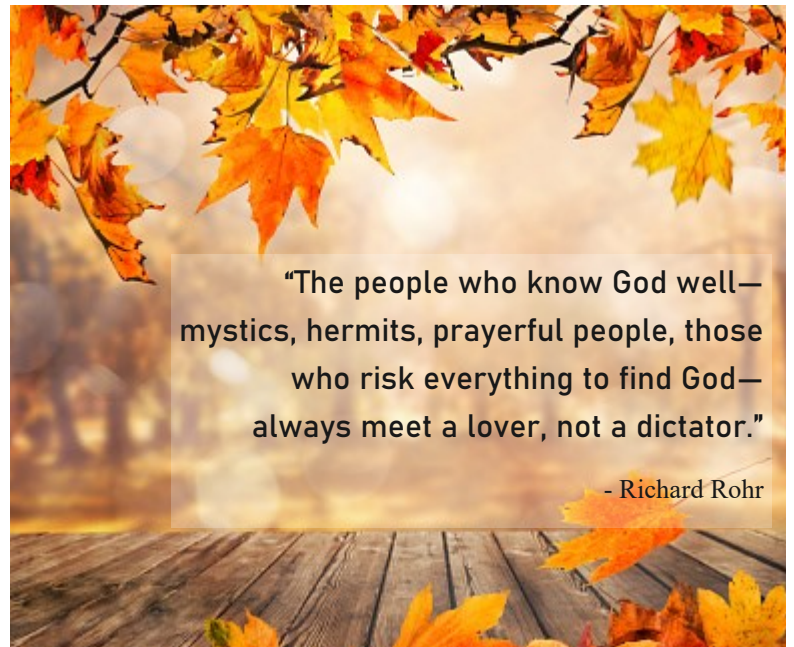
508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49417

10:00 a.m.

September 13, 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor
Rev. Scott Stanley, Parish Associate
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“The people who know God well—
mystics, hermits, prayerful people, those
who risk everything to find God—
always meet a lover, not a dictator.”

- Richard Rohr

Welcome to Worship Online!

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PRELUDE—*All Is Found*

Kristen and Robert Lopez
“When all is lost, then all is found”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT—*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Hymn #469

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Why do the nations rage and the people plot in vain?

All: The Lord is Ruler over all! Let the earth be glad!

One: Through all time, rulers have set themselves against the Lord.

All: The Lord sees from heaven and laughs at their schemes.

One: Happy are all who take refuge in the Lord.

All: God is worthy of our praise. In trust and hope, let us worship God!

LIGHTING THE CANDLE TOGETHER

OPENING HYMN—*Why Do Nations Rage Together*

Hymn #758

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, grace, reconciliation and goodness: We are sorry for so much — for words we cannot bear to say, for memories we cannot bear to relive, for thoughts we cannot bear to admit. But you know our hearts. Relieve us of our burdens, bind our hearts not to the unbearable but rather, to you so that, in all ways, we may live in the joy of your salvation and the delight of your loving embrace.
(time for silent confession)

RESPONSE—*Restore in Us, O God*

Hymn #434, vs. 3

Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy; baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Happy are we, holy people, when we walk in the ways of our God. Happy are we, beloved ones, as we receive God’s forgiveness.

All: Happy are we, God’s own, because we are made whole, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*RESPONSE—*Restore in Us, O God*

Hymn #434, vs. 4

Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace, that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

Bible Sunday Video

*For those who are able, please stand.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading—Psalm 2

Second Reading—Esther 1:9-15

SERMON

Same As It Ever Was

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

RESPONSIVE SONG—*Awake My Soul*

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

OFFERING SONG—*Good, Good Father*

*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 SONG—*Whom Shall I Fear*

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—*Prelude and Fugue in G 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 our granddaughter, Samantha Yee,
by Diana & Steve Groters*



Our Church Family & Friends

Prayer requests: Martha Alexander, Brian Anderson and Joan Tandler, Mary Lou Bender, Betty Berg, Marilew Helmers, Stan Johnson, Paul Lampe, 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.



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; Kim McDonough, Aaron Portenga, Bryan Bosch, Musicians

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