



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49417

10:00 a.m.

August 30, 2020

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor
Rev. Scott Stanley, Parish Associate
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Go down, Moses
Way down in Egypt land
Tell all pharaohs to
Let my people go!

When Israel was in Egypt land
Let my people go!
Oppressed so hard they could not stand
Let my people go!

So the God said: go down, Moses
Way down in Egypt land
Tell all pharaohs to
Let my people go!

-Traditional "Call and Response" Spiritual

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Today's worship is a combined service with portions recorded by Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

PRELUDE—*Prelude and Fugue in D Minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT—*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come into the brightness of God's transforming love.

All: **We praise God for God's presence with us!**

One: Prepare your hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

All: **We thank God for God's mercy towards us.**

One: Come, let us praise and worship God, who is always with us.

All: **Thanks be to God at all times and in all places.**

LIGHTING THE CANDLE TOGETHER

OPENING SONG—*Take My Life*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, we call you Lord, yet it is too easy for us to worship other things, other activities, other relationships, other gods. You tell us we cannot serve two masters, yet we spend more time focusing our energies elsewhere, diverting our time, our energy, our money, our attention away from you. Forgive us, gracious Savior, when our hearts are led astray, when we serve other gods and worship them. We turn away from our distractions and sin. Strengthen us to set our faces toward Jerusalem, to take up our cross and follow you. We pray this, counting on your grace.

(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—*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

*For those who are able, please stand.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading—Exodus 3:1-15

Second Reading—Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

Call and Response

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon

RESPONSIVE HYMN—*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

Hymn #718

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—*O Rest In the Lord*

Mendelssohn

*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—*10,000 Reasons*

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—Carillon: *Precious Lord*

Tommy Dorsey, arr. John Courter

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!



*The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory of God
and in honor of all educators in our area as they begin to open their schools.
Praying that everyone stays safe and healthy,
from Carroll & Dorothy Bennink.*

Our Church Family & Friends

Our prayers of sympathy and support:

for the friends and family of Bill Bolthouse who passed away on August 19th.

for Deb and Scott Stanley and daughters Heather, Courtney, and Rachel on the death of Deb’s father, Wes Fasnacht, on August 25.

Prayer requests: Martha Alexander, Brian Anderson and Joan Tandler, Mary Lou Bender, Betty Berg, Carol Folkert, Karen Fox, Marilew Helmers, Stan Johnson, Paul Lampe, Beverly Purcell, Barbara Race, Lisa Stoner, and Jim & Sandy Teunis

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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; Bryan Bosch, Aaron Portenga, Musicians

Participants from Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church:

Members of the Chancel Choir; Corrie Spurlin, soloist;
Dennis Curry, Carillon; and Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Phillips, Senior Pastor