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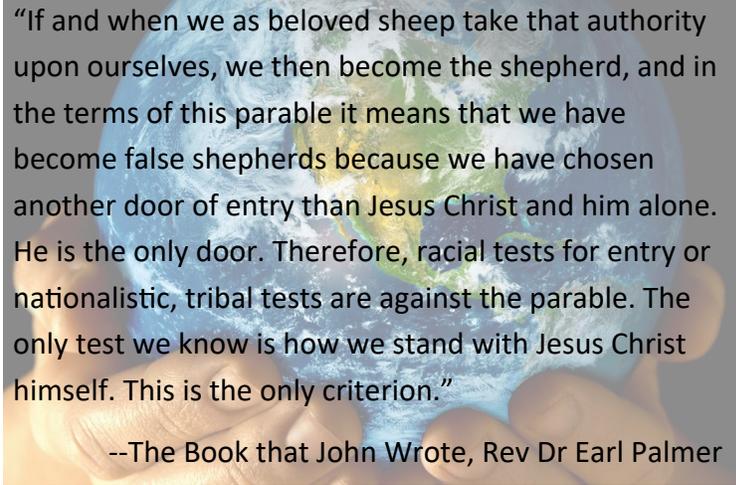
508 FRANKLIN AVENUE, GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN 49417

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon, Senior Pastor
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“If and when we as beloved sheep take that authority upon ourselves, we then become the shepherd, and in the terms of this parable it means that we have become false shepherds because we have chosen another door of entry than Jesus Christ and him alone. He is the only door. Therefore, racial tests for entry or nationalistic, tribal tests are against the parable. The only test we know is how we stand with Jesus Christ himself. This is the only criterion.”

--The Book that John Wrote, Rev Dr Earl Palmer

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PRELUDE—*Prologue*

Alen Menken

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT—*For the Beauty of the Earth*

John Rutter

LIGHTING THE CANDLE TOGETHER

Maddie Lambert

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it.

All: He has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

One: Praise be to Christ, the good shepherd who knows his sheep and watches after each and every one of them.

All: We are the sheep of God’s pasture, and the shepherds of God’s glorious creation.

*OPENING HYMN—*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Hymn 15

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creative and compassionate God, we are blessed to be a part of the beautiful creation that you shape and sustain every day. The wonders of your glorious creation are always around us, yet we take it for granted, neglect caring for the Earth, and do harm to the creatures upon it. Restore us, O Lord, that we may once again appreciate, maintain, and guard your creation, and remind us that each of us are lovingly created in your image.

(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: Hear the good news: in Christ, we are forgiven of all of our sins.

All: By the mercy of God, we are washed clean.

One: Surely, goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives

All: For God is a good shepherd to his people. Thanks be to God.

*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 Lesson—Psalm 23

Second Lesson—John 10:11-18

SERMON

To Know and Be Known

Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce

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

*CONFESSION OF 1967

*RESPONSIVE HYMN—*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Hymn 187

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—*Shepherd Me, O God*

Text and Music, Marty Haugen

*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!

*PRAYER OF THANKS

*CLOSING HYMN—*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Hymn 39

*CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—*Let There Be Peace*

POSTLUDE—*Cornet Voluntary*

John Travers

WORSHIP CONCLUDES—SERVICE BEGINS!

*The flowers in the chancel are dedicated to the glory & honor of God
and in recognition of our music ministry.*

Our Church Family & Friends

In Celebration: Congratulations to Jaclyn & Adam Suchecki on the April 12th birth of their daughter, Margaret James. She is joined by her loving big sisters, Quinn and Caroline as well as grandparents, Marty & Jan Blanchard and great-grandmother, Ruth Suchecki.

Prayer requests: Alice Akin, Brian Anderson & Joan Tandler, Larry Braak, Dan Coulier, Tom Hammond, Lisa Stoner and Sandy Teunis.

Attention Graduates!

Every year we celebrate our FPGH graduates with a slide show and blessing in worship! This year, we will be blessing our graduates on Sunday, May 16. If you know someone who is graduating from high school, college, or any other form of upper education please email Maddie (mlambert@fpg.org) with the following information: First and last name, where graduating from, future plans and a recent photo.

**Due Sunday
May 9th**



Celebrating Graduates

FPGH is celebrating 11 graduating high school seniors! We are gifting each senior with a journal, and would love to fill them with encouraging words from their church family. Please complete the linked form below and we will print your note and place it in the students' journals!

**Please complete this form
by Sunday, May 2nd**

<https://tinyurl.com/273x96rk>

April Food Collection

Your donations will go to **The Salvation Army** food pantry.

Requests: canned pasta, canned or dry mix potatoes, instant rice, pancake mix and syrup

* Drop box located in Gathering Area

Worship Leaders:

Rev. Kristine Aragon Bruce, Associate Pastor;
Maddie Lambert, Youth & Young Adult Ministries Director;
Maryanne Beery, Director of Music & Fine Arts;
Rob Hlebinsky, Organist;
Voices of the Geneva Choir