

**January 28th, 2024**  
4th Sunday After Epiphany

**11:15 a.m.**  
Color: Green

**Prelude:** "Bring Forth the Kingdom"

-Marty Haugen

*(The acolyte lights the candle)*

**Welcome**

Larry Rivers

(Please stand)

**Invocation**

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Overhead

**Call to Worship (Congregational response in bold)**

L: God, there are no enemies in your Kingdom.

**P: Only siblings seeking reconciliation.**

L: Give us the courage to lay down our weapons.

**P: Our acts of violence and our words of aggression.**

L: And may we be made whole together

**ALL: Amen**

**Praise and Worship**

"Honey in the Rock"

Overhead

**Message In Song**

"You're Still God"

-Philippa Hanna, Tony Wood,  
Jonny Bird & Matt Armstrong  
*Introduction by Larry Rivers*

*(Soft music played as the choir leaves the choir loft)*

**Children's Moment**

Rev. Brian Steele

(Please stand)

**Glory be to the Father**

UMH #70

**Scripture: Matthew 5:38-42**

CEB

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Praise be to God for his word.**

**Sermon:** The Gospel in Star Wars: Who Shot First?

Rev. Brian Steele

**The Church Gives Thanks**

*As we receive the gift of music, let us offer unto God  
our gifts of tithes and offerings.*

**Offertory Hymn**

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

-Cecil Frances Alexander

(Please stand)

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow**

UMH #95

**Offertory Prayer**

Larry Rivers

**Community Prayer**

Rev. Brian Steele

*(Congregation can call out the name of someone in prayer.)*

**Ways to Connect**

Rev. Brian Steele

(Please stand)

**Closing Song**

"I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table"

Overhead

*(The acolyte extinguishes the candle)*

**The Sending**

Rev. Brian Steele

### **Altar Flower Memorials:**

Flowers are usually given in memory of or/and in thanksgiving for loved ones, or to commemorate special occasions in our lives. The cost is \$20 and you may take the flowers home after our service.

Please sign up by contacting Ashley Detoledo at least 2 weeks in advance for your name to appear in the appropriate Sunday bulletin. For more information, contact Ashley Detoledo at 248-546-5955 or hazelparkfirst@wowway.com Checks may be made payable to Ashley Detoledo.

### **Worship**

If you are unable to attend church in person, remember that a video of our Sunday service is posted on our church website, hpfirst.org, every week by Monday morning.

We also have a dedicated phone line where you can listen to our Sunday Worship service without the need for computer or internet. All you need to do is call 248-216-1651 to hear our Sunday worship service. Please let others who need to hear God's word proclaimed know about this service.

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the church office by Sunday evening. Leave a voice message at 248-546-5955, put a note in the mailbox on the office door, or send an email to hazelparkfirst@wowway.com . **Thank You!**

The orange candle on the altar is in awareness of the ongoing gun violence in our country.

**Hearing Assistance Equipment is Available.**  
If you would like to use the equipment,  
please ask an usher and they will be glad to assist you.

Brian is available by phone/text at 269-274-0029 or by e-mail, except on Friday's.

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### *Our Mission Statement*

*To embrace all people with the love of Jesus Christ.*

**Rev. Brian Steele**

*Matt Sarns, Praise Team Director*

*Harriet Hardy, Organist*

*Ashley Detoledo Secretary*

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Health/Life Concerns:** **Victoria Foerster Pastor Brian, Brian Bryazck ,Darrel Jarvis**, Lisa Johnson, Robert Narducci, Steve Allen, Lillian Bruder, Blanche Donaldson (Lisa’s mother in law),

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**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Emma Hardy, Sean Redd, Casey Allen, Brendan Schemers, Ronald Turner & Chris Collis

**Gratitude's and Joys:** The hospitality of our church, grandkids in church and grandparents.

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## How can you give to give back to the church?

There are 4 ways you can financially contribute to the church:

- ⇒ Give by placing an offering in the collection plate at as the users walk by.
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-Do you shop at Kroger? We are signed up with Kroger to earn a percentage for each shopper that is signed up for the rewards program. The best part? It’s FREE! It costs nothing but a few minutes of your time to register your card. Our organization number is #XH158

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