*Fírst Presbyterían Church* 621 North Líncoln Avenue

Hastíngs, Nebraska

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church Members of the Congregation, Ministers Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor Rev. Dr. Berke Landrum, Interim Associate Pastor Lay Reader: Thomas Landrum Organist: Ashley Ehrich July 26, 2015, 10:30 a.m.

# The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The reading from 2 Samuel shows the power of sin to entangle and distort. David first gives in to temptation with Bathsheba, and continues to cover up his mistakes by an even more sinister plan to put Bathsheba's husband on the front line of combat. The shepherd king is ensnared by his sin, and draws others into it. In the letter to the church at Ephesus, the author prays that the church may know both the scope of God's love and power over creation as well as the intimate care and attention to the details of our lives." - C.M.W.

### GATHERING

\*Indicates those who are able, please stand.

VOLUNTARY *"My Song is Love Unknown"* Ralph Vaughan Williams (The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing, and give praise to God; tell the glad news of salvation. Let us worship God.

\*HYMN No. 619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* (stanzas 1,2,4)

LAUDA ANIMA

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

(Silence for personal confession)

KYRIE No. 578O Lord, Have MercyORE PROIAJU VEREKOO Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.O Christ, have mercy; O Christ have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

# DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE – No. 619 (stanza 3)

Like a loving parent caring, God knows well our feeble frame, gladly all our burdens bearing, still to countless years the same. Alleluia! Alleluia! All within me, praise God's name!

# \*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

# A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

The congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cherish. Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

# THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in holy scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING – 2 Samuel 11:1-15 The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.** 

SECOND READING – *Ephesians 3:14-21* The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**  Page 185

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LAUDA ANIMA

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**SERMON** 

### THE RESPONSE

\*HYMN No. 649

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING<br/>Offertory(All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PCUSA Hunger Fund)<br/>"I Am Thine, O Lord"Joseph Prentiss

\*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.

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. Let us pray.

### \*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.

### SENDING

*HYMN No. 542	God Be with You Till We Meet Again	GOD BE WITH YOU

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

"Amazing Grace"

Diane Bish

# Announcements:

The radio broadcast is in memory of Hal Lainson by the Lainson family.

Today's service may be seen on Channel 181 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., or Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

For those living at Good Samaritan Village the service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

The flowers are in loving memory of Jim McDougal by family and friends.

Ushers: Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Al Meyer, captain, and Ken Stein

Greeters: Jim and Traci Boeve

Acolytes: Hannah Hafer

Nursery: Lucy and Maggie Nielsen

In the Hospital: Del Swingle, Alice Locke

Once again, FPC will provide volunteers to serve meals to children when the Public Schools stop the summer school lunch program for the summer. This year the meals will be served from August 3 – August 14 at the National Guard Armory. Four or five volunteers are needed every day from 11-12:30. In the past families have signed up for a particular day, so a sign-up sheet is available in the Memorial Room. Please be sure to include your phone number, thanks!

The congregational meeting for the purpose of electing the Pastor Nominating Committee will take place in the sanctuary today immediately following the 10:30am worship service. Enclosed is the Agenda.

Please join us after the congregational meeting for the final Sunday Open Table lunch assembly for the year.

This Week Jul	y 27 – August 1
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Monday, July 27	11:00	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, July 28	1:00	Quilters
Friday, July 31	5:00	McMahon wedding rehearsal
Saturday, August 1	5:00	Randi McMahon & Colby Fox Wedding

Next Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Sermon: You are the Man! Holy Communion