

*First Presbyterian Church  
Hastings, Nebraska*

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church  
Members of the Congregation, Ministers  
Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor  
Organist: Ashley Ehrich  
Soloist: Dr. Robin R. Koozer  
Lay Reader: Rich Portwood

**September 6, 2015, 10:30 a.m.**  
***The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

“Today’s scripture readings reveal how God disrupts human notions of privilege, decorum, and control. In *James*, followers of Jesus are reminded to give respect to the poor, and not to show partiality to those with wealth and power. *Mark’s* gospel contains an account of the Syrophenician woman who pushes her way into Jesus’ path to seek healing for her daughter, despite the cultural constraints of gender and race. The woman’s fervent banter with Jesus becomes a window into the nature of God’s kingdom.”  
– C.M.W.

**GATHERING**

*\*Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

**VOLUNTARY**

*“Azmon”*

David Cherwien

(The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 125:1-2*

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
**which cannot be moved, but abides forever.**

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
**so the Lord surrounds God’s people.**

Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN No. 610**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*BCW*

**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 prayer and reflection)*

KYRIE No. 578

*O Lord, Have Mercy*

ORE PROIAJU VEREKO

***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. 580

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.***

\*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Almighty God, you search and know us: may your word inspire us to know you; may we learn to rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING – *James 2:1-10, 14-17*

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (Solo)

Traditional Spiritual/arr.  
Robin Koozer, tenor

Tom Fettke

GOSPEL READING – *Mark 7:24-37*

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The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to you O Christ.**

SERMON

*Overwhelmed....*  
Rev. Charles M. Webster

## THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING (*All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PCUSA Hunger Fund*)

Offertory

Prelude on “*Morecambe*”

Gordon Young

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

\*HYMN No. 517

*Here, O Our Lord, We See You*

MORECAMBE

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise...**

## 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 sins, as we forgive  
those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please partake of the bread and cup when you are served.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SENDING

### \*CHARGE and MISSION

*Luke 4:18-19*

**“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**

### \*BLESSING

### \*HYMN No. 767

*Together We Serve*

SAN ANSELMO

### \*POSTLUDE

*“Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

David Cherwien

**Next Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Scripture: Luke 15:1-10  
Sermon: “The Hound of Heaven”  
Holy Baptism**

## Announcements:

**The radio broadcast** is given today by an undisclosed donor.

**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 Dr. William A. McCall by his family.

**Ushers:** LaVern Franzen, Chuck Hastings, captain, Jim Hoffman, Mike Hogan, Monte Malouf, Doug Soderquist, Roger Sunderman, Steve Wolford

**Greeters:**

**Acolytes:** Allie Bauer, Lily Black

**Nursery:** Staci Trutna

**In the Hospital:** Renee Thomsen (Houston, TX), Dale Grams

Today's communion offering is for *The Zone*. *The Zone* is an after school program for youth 6th-12th grade, Monday through Friday. Held at the Old Armory Building 2015 West 3rd Street, the YWCA's goal is to provide a safe, supervised, drug and alcohol free, caring and enriching environment, operating between the hours of 3:30-8:30. Activities include- basketball, dodge ball, Ping-Pong, movies, video games, computers, arts and crafts, board games, snacks, study room and much more. Your contribution makes the difference.

### **This Week ----- September 7 – 12**

Monday, Sept. 7 OFFICE CLOSED for Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 8      1:00 Quilters  
                                 5:30 Trustees Meeting in Anderson Conference Room  
   Congregational Life Committee Meeting  
   Global Mission & Social Witness Committee Meeting  
                                 7:00 Christian Education Committee Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 9   7:00 Breakfast Bible Study  
                                 9:00 Home Page Assembly (3 Volunteers still needed)  
                                 4:00 Wednesday Night Live  
                                 7:30 PNC meeting

Thursday, Sept. 10    4:00 Personnel Board Meeting

Friday, Sept. 11      10:30 Shirley Aabel Funeral in Sanctuary  
   light luncheon to follow

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