

**First Presbyterian Church
Hastings, Nebraska**

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers: Members of the Church

Reverend: Damen Heitmann

Organist: Ashley Ehrich

Liturgist: Karen Doerr

July 31, 2016, 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE "It Is Well with My Soul" Marilynn Ham
(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME AND PRAYER

INTROIT "I Love You Lord" No. 627

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: I came, O God, because it's become routine to want to abide in your presence.

Many: Thanks be to you for the persistence of your spirit.

One: I came freshly curious about the love which dwells here.

Many: Thanks be to you for the living of your grace.

One: I came seeking forgiveness. I came seeking assurance.

Many: I came longing for growth. I came needing to be challenged.

One: I came to connect myself to that which is beyond me;

Many: To others, to the world, to love, to depth, to merciful mystery.

One: Thanks be to you, O God for the good things I find right here.

***HYMN** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" No. 4

INVOCATION

Meet with us now, O God, beyond the hustle, beyond the bustle, in the ease and rest and quiet of a Sunday morning; in the in-between when the stress of the week has faded and before a new round sets in. Join with us in clearness of the new day when we can refocus our lives on the things of true worth, true value, and true good. Let us meet here the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

We confess to running ourselves ragged. We confess to being over-worked, over-stressed, and over-scheduled. We can't remember the last time we simply sat beneath a tree, the last time we did nothing more than chat the night away, the last moment when all we were doing was being. We're distracted, gracious God, pulled away by the pursuit of money, the allure of worldly goods, and the fear of having nothing. We've taken, O God, this beautiful gift of life, this bouncing, frolicking, bountiful existence and turned it into work; joyless, restless, a process to be made efficient. And so we suffer. And so our neighbors suffer. And so the planet itself suffers. Forgive us, O God, our misplaced priorities. Grant us the grace to rediscover the joy of being. Hear us as we continue to seek you mercy and forgiveness in silence.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

No. 583

*PEACE OF CHRIST

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ATTENDANCE

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Lucy Nielsen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open us to understanding. Free us to reformation. Initiate within us the desire to be something more than we are today. Amen.

FIRST READING-Ecclesiastes 1:2-3, 12-14, 2:18-23

SECOND READING—Psalm 49:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING—Luke 12:13-21

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“Take My Life”

No. 697

MESSAGE

Rev. Damen Heitmann

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We come to you, God, as those who search for ways to love more wisely, more genuinely, more steadily. We seek to base our lives on the love of Christ, that from day to day we may be passionate and patient, faithful and forgiving, in loving one another and this world of many peoples. Through God's Spirit, we build our church into a living temple, a sign of Christ's presence on earth. We affirm in our faith Jesus Christ as our foundation. Amen.

THE RESPONSE

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

Larry Dalton

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, accept these, our gifts. May they be used to meet the needs of the world. May they bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost and peace to all. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

No. 318

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Spiritual Medley"

Melody Bober

**Next Sunday, August 7, 2016
10:30 Worship with Communion
Pastor Don Canady**

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs on KICS 1550 AM and is provided by Les and JoAnn Seiler.

Today's service will be broadcast on Channel 181 Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

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

Flowers are in loving memory of Hal Lainson by the Lainson family.

Ushers: Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Al Meyer-Captain, Ken Stein

Greeters: Mary Kay LaMaster, Kim Creech

In the Hospital: Richard Viglicky, Barb Harrington

Next Sunday's Communion Servers – Team 3: Martha Boyd, Dave Fisher, Kay Georgiana, Susan Hoff, Harold Korb, Lynette Krieger, Paul Krieger, Scott Kummer, Kathleen Nelson, Chris Schukei, and Doug Soderquist.

August Ushers: Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein-Captain, Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker

Share Your Garden Produce. Bring your extra, take what you need. 'The Sharing Table' is in the Memorial Room. Everyone is welcome to partake!

In coordination with First United Methodist Church and Foodbank For The Heartland, First Presbyterian Church is proud to announce **United Harvest**, the **new mobile pantry food distribution service** scheduled every last Saturday of the month in the Annex building. The first day will be Saturday, August 27, 12:30p.m.-2:30p.m. Please bring boxes or bags to carry food if you are in need, or contact Kili at kili@fpchastings.org if you are interested in volunteering.

Sunday School and WNL Teachers and Volunteers for the 2016/2017 year are needed in several areas. Please contact Stephanie Brader (stephanie@fpchastings.org) or the church office: 402-462-5147) and let her know how you can help!

Please pray for members of our PNC: Jim Duval, Chad Murrell, Mike Karloff, Joan Shaw, Chris Junker, Pam Lay and Jeni Howard.

This Week --- August 1 – August 6, 2016

Mon, Aug 1	10:00a.m.	Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office
	12:00p.m.	Memorial Committee Meeting in Kessler
Tues, Aug 2	1:00p.m.	Quilters in Annex
	5:30p.m.	WAM Meeting in Anderson Conference Room

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