

*First Presbyterian Church
621 North Lincoln Avenue
Hastings, Nebraska*

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
Members of the Congregation, Ministers
Rev. Charles M. Webster, Transitional Pastor
Interim Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin R. Koozer
Organist: Ashley Ehrich
Lay Reader: Lucy Nielsen

August 30, 2015, 10:30 a.m.
The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Purity is an abiding theme and anxiety in culture and religion. Jesus profoundly reshapes our notions of purity. For him purity comes not from avoiding dirt or guilt or shame but from receiving forgiveness and healing. Our gospel text from *Mark 5* describes two women facing ritual impurities – of death and menstruation; both find a holiness in Jesus. This morning’s sermon will be reading this passage in three -dimensions.”

- C.M.W.

GATHERING

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

VOLUNTARY “*Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*” Don Hustad
(The voluntary is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, reflection and expectation.)

CHORAL INTROIT “When Morning Guilds the Sky” Caswell/Stocker
The Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 30:4-5*
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is not for but a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN No. 619 (stanzas 1,2,4) *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

BCW

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

(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. 619

LAUDA ANIMA

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

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES to KINDERGARTEN and 3rd GRADE

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

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.
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 know the things that pertain to life and holiness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING – *Psalm 30*

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The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer”

Crüger/Koozer

The Chancel Choir

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you O Christ.

SERMON

Reading the Bible in 3-D

Rev. Charles M. Webster

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN No. 459

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written. The Scriptures are not a witness among others, but the witness without parallel. The church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as prophetic and apostolic testimony in which it hears the word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated.

The Bible is to be interpreted in the light of its witness to God's work of reconciliation in Christ. The Scriptures, given under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, are nevertheless the words of men, conditioned by the language, thought forms, and literary fashions of the places and times at which they were written. They reflect views of life, history, and the cosmos, which were then current. The church, therefore, has an obligation to approach the Scriptures with literary and historical understanding. As God has spoken his word in diverse cultural situations, the church is confident that he will continue to speak through the Scriptures in a changing world and in every form of human culture.

(from "The Confession of 1967", *the Book of Confessions*)

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Offertory

"Peace Be Still"

Ingram, Hughley, Willis

Karli Cabrera, soprano

*HYMN No. 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own; here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

***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. Amen.*

***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.**

SENDING

***HYMN No. 846**

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

***CHARGE and BLESSING**

***RESPONSE**

**“Go With Us, Lord” (GtG748)
The Chancel Choir and Congregation**

Tallis

***POSTLUDE**

“O Gott, du frommer Gott”

Johann Gottfried Walther

Announcements:

The radio broadcast is in memory of Thelma and Lester D. Pedersen by their 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 memory of Phyllis and John J. Lainsen by family and friends.

Ushers: Lynne Friedewald, Jim Harrenstein, captain, Chuck Shoemaker, Paul Nuss

Greeters: Flossie Sanderson

Acolytes: Joshua Brooks, Lauren Canady

Nursery: Lucy & Maggie Nielsen

In the Hospital: Renee Thomsen

This Week ----- August 31 – September 5

Monday, Aug 31	11:15	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 1	1:00	Quilters
Wednesday, Sept 2	4:00	Wednesday Night Live
	5:30	WAM Meeting in Anderson Conference Room

**Next Sunday, September 7th
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Scripture: Mark 7:24-37
Sermon: “Overwhelmed By...”**