

# *First Presbyterian Church 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  
Pianist: Mary Plock  
Lay Reader: Melissa Webster

**September 27, 2015, 10:30 a.m.**  
***The 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

“The Christian life is an offering of one’s self to God. In worship the people are presented with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, are claimed and set free by him, and are led to respond by offering to him their lives, their particular gifts and abilities, and other material goods.” – from the *Directory for Worship*, W-2.5001. *Book of Confessions* references: 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Helvetic Confession* 5.110-5.123; *Westminster Confession* 6.088.

## **GATHERING**

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

### **VOLUNTARY**

*“Precision Lord, Take My Hand”<sup>1</sup>*

arr. Mark

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

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalm 24:1, 7*

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,  
**the world and all who live in it.**

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
**that the God of glory may come in.**

**Let us worship God.**

### **\*HYMN No. 385**

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

### **LITANY OF CONFESSION**

We are taught to love you, O God

**We confess that our allegiance is less than complete.**

We are taught to love you, O God, with all our soul.

**We confess that we long to have our own way.**

We are taught to love you, O God, with all of our mind.

**We confess that our thoughts are seldom so pure.**

We are taught to love our neighbors, as ourselves.

Lord, have mercy upon us as we make our confession  
**Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive our sin.**

*(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. 647

GIVE THANKS

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;*

*give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. Give Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich*

*because of what the Lord has done for us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.*

\*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

*The congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward*

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.*

*Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

## THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life and inspire us through your word:  
deliver us today from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING – *Deuteronomy 8:7-18*

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – *2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

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SERMON

*Thanks Be to God!*

Rev. Charles M. Webster

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

\*HYMN No. 708

*We Give Thee but Thine Own* (stanzas 1&2)

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## THE RESPONSE

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

MINUTE FOR MISSION, Kids Against Hunger

Jim Lewis

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Offertory Anthem

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

arr. Roy Ringwald

\*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.*

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*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. 298

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

ABBOT'S LEIGH

\*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

\*POSTLUDE

*"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"*

David Cherwien

<sup>1</sup>This song was written in the 1930s and popularized by Tommy Dorsey, of big band fame. The simple 16 bar melody, which serves as both verse and chorus, was a perfect vehicle to showcase the smooth, mellow sounds of Dorsey's trombone. Hayes believes jazz has a place in worship because of "its inherent spirit and spontaneity." Let God's peace wash over you in this musical prayer, "Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light. Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home." P.S. Listen for the Amen.

**Next Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.**  
*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*also, Hastings College Sunday*  
**Scripture:** *Hebrews 12:18-29*  
**Sermon:** *You Have Come to Zion*  
**Holy Communion**  
**Peace and Global Witness Offering**

**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 Marilyn Sachtleben by Clyde and Katherine Sachtleben, Tom and Camille Sachtleben and family, and Kay and Kevin Chang and family.

**Communion Servers:** Katharine Davis, Dave Fisher, Susan Hoff, Lynette Krieger, Paul Krieger, Kathleen Nelson, Phil Odom, Chris Schukei, Doug Soderquist, Marnie Soderquist

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

**Greeters:** Elaine and Wayne Specht, Kim Creech

**Acolytes:** Grace Redinger, Jayden Propp

**Nursery:** Maggie, Lucy, Erika Nielsen

**In the Hospital:** Hubert Payne, Renee Thomsen (Houston, TX), Bernie Tushaus

All women of the church are invited to PW's annual guest salad luncheon at 11:45 on Wednesday, October 7. Neighboring Presbyterian churches have also been invited. Amy Sandeen will be presenting the program telling us all about activities at the Prairie Loft in Hastings. We are asking that those attending from our church bring a salad. Please RSVP to the church office by October 5 so that we can plan for seating.

**This Week ----- September 20 – October 3**

Mon, Sept. 28	11:15	Staff Meeting
Tues, Sept. 29	1:00	Quilters
Weds, Sept. 30	7:00	Breakfast Bible Study
	9:00	Home Page Assembly
	4:00	Wednesday Night Live

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