

First Presbyterian Church – Hastings, Nebraska

Head of the Church: Jesus Christ - Ministers: Members of the Church - Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett

WORSHIP SERVICE FOR JUNE 11, 2017

*Gathering songs

Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus

So, here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You
created
All for love's sake became poor.

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.
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to see my sin upon that cross.

Chorus (repeat twice)

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Praise to You

Refrain:

Praise to you, O Great Creator,
Maker of the land and sky.
Praise to you, O Living Water,
Hope and breath of ev'ry life.

Verse 1

We are lost and we are longing,
wand'ring in the wilderness,
Searching for your holy presence
And the reason we exist.

Refrain

Verse 2

Hear the cries of all creation,
How the tears like rivers flow
For your touch of grace and healing
And the love that leads us home.

Refrain

Verse 3

May we live your way of justice,
May we walk your way of peace.
May we see your sacred vision,
May we know your sweet release.

Refrain

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Community Time

Welcome
Announcements
Joys & concerns

Greg Allen-Pickett

Opening scripture

Psalms 8

Sue Medsker-Nedderman

*Hymn #716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Verse 1

God, whose giving knows no ending,
From your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
Costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise for ever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Verse 2

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone.

Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at your throne.

Verse 3

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
Gain through powers your grace
conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving you by loving all.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844, harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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Confession and pardon

Greg Allen-Pickett

Preparation song

Thy Word

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

Verse 1

When I feel afraid,
And I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end.

Chorus

Verse 2

I will not forget
your love for me, and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide
and hold me to your side
I will love You to the end.

Chorus

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A reading from scripture

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

Mary Fisk

Anthem

Revelation Song
Celebrate Band

Jennie Lee Riddle

Offering (taken as the band sings the anthem)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:16–20

Greg Allen-Pickett

Meditation “The Holy Trinity, Fidget Spinners, and the Great Commission!” Greg Allen-Pickett

***Hymn #757**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

tune KINGSFOLD

Verse 1

Today we all are called to be
Disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free,
Make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
Make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
Our ease and comfort last.

Verse 2

God made the world and at its birth
Ordained our human race
To live as stewards of the earth,
Responding to God’s grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
We sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
That threatens all of life.

Verse 3

Pray justice may come rolling down
As in a mighty stream,
With righteousness in field and town
To cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
An earth where conflicts cease,
A world that was created for
A harmony of peace.

Verse 4

May we in service to our God
Act out the living word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
Till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
Give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
Disciples of the Lord.

TEXT: H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985

MUSIC: *English Country Songs*, 1893; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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***Blessing**

Greg Allen-Pickett

***Sending song #765**

May the God of Hope

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call. (Sing twice) TEXT: Alvin Schutmaat, 1984 MUSIC: Argentine folk melody

*Indicates all who are able, please stand.

Announcements:

The radio broadcast airs during service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in loving memory of Frank Emmons and Frank W. Northrop by the Northrop family.

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 2:00 p.m.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Jeanne Hastings at 402-462-8460 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

Flowers are given in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. Christian Walter and Louise C. Walter.

Greeters: Brian & Laurie Johnson, Kathy & Curt Reimer

Ushers: Susie Graham, George Howard – Captain, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Dan Zabloudil, Vera Zabloudil

Prayers for Judy Brown, Celia Ganow, Susie Pettit and families.



Rezound! is an auditioned community handbell ensemble located in the greater Kansas City area.

Established in June 2001, the ensemble presents a lively sound blending the unique timbres of Schulmerich handbells, Petit & Fritsen bells, Malmark handchimes, and Whitechapel bells. Rezound! is dedicated to promoting the art and skill of handbell ringing in performance, serving the community through varied educational endeavors, and providing the highest quality and challenging outlet for skilled ringers.

Rezound! rehearses once a week for approximately three hours. You will not want to miss this event!

Three women from the Rezound! handbell ensemble are seeking homestay while here. If you are willing and able to let one of them stay in your home for one night, please contact Byron Jensen at 402-469-9207 or bjensen@hastings.edu.

“Our heartfelt thanks to everyone for your kind remembrances of our 70th wedding anniversary March 12. The many cards and personal notes received over several weeks added to our joyous celebration. Thank you for doing that for us. Yours in Christ, Elmer & Irmise Heeren”

This Week --- June 12 – June 17, 2017

Mon, June 12 10:00a

Staff Meeting in Pastor's Office

**Tue, June 3 1:00p
4:15p
5:30p
5:30p**

Quilters in the Annex
Global Mission Committee Meeting in Kessler
Congregational Life Committee Meeting in Parlor
Trustees Meeting in Anderson Conference

**Wed, June 14 12:00p
6:30p**

Summer Book Club in Parlor
Wood Carvers in Basement

Thu, June 15 6:30p-7:30p

Spanish Class in the NW Classroom, Annex

Fri, June 16 10:00a

Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room

Sat, June 17 10:00a-12:00p

United Harvest Free Food Distribution in Annex