

# Fifth Sunday of Easter May 19, 2019

**PRELUDE** 

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" Linda Vollweiler, Organist

Benedetto Marcello

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 148)

Damen Heitmann

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!** Let us praise the name of the LORD!

This morning, in this place, let us worship our God the creator, redeemer and sustainer. May our lives be a living praise to God!

\*HYMN

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

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# **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all people, sometimes our hearts are too narrow and our perspectives are too small. There are times that we reject those who are not like us — those with different opinions, those who struggle with mental illness, those who disagree with us.

We forget that all are your beloved children, and neglect your call to love one another. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we have failed to be a people known by our love. Show us how to be more caring. Teach us how to love one another, and make us faithful disciples.

## SILENT CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God dwells among us, giving to all who believe the opportunity for repentance that leads to an abundant life.

Rejoice in the Lord and love one another, for we are freed by God's mercy and love!

In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

\*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around you.) The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

# SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please pass the Friendship Pads, and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

# TIME OF GRATITUDE FOR OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Enlighten the eyes of our hearts, O God, and grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation through the reading of this, your Word. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – John 13:31-35

ANTHEM

"Timbrel and Dance"

Kevin McChesney

Calvin/Westminster Youth Hand Bell Choir

Byron Jensen, Director

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 11:1-18

**SERMON** 

"Fabulous Food!"

\*HYMN

"Let Us Build a House: All Are Welcome"

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From First Lutheran Church in Louisville, KY)

As a community of the people of God, we are called to minister to all people of our world. We recognize that all people are precious children of God, created in the image of God. We also know that the world is often an unloving place; a place of alienation and brokenness. Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness. We are challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing within our society. We affirm with the apostle Paul that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." Christ has made us one.

Therefore, rejoicing in God's abundant grace, we extend welcome to all; believers, doubters, and seekers. In Christ's love, we welcome all, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we can work together to usher in God's reign of justice, peace, and mercy.

OFFERING (All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC(USA) Hunger Fund.)

**OFFERTORY** 

"Lord of the Dance"

Shaker Tune/arr. Joel Raney

Hannah Jensen, Piano; Linda Vollweiler, Organ

\*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you have given us the task to welcome and love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love and welcome we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

\*HYMN "We Are One in the Spirit" (vs. 1-3) 300

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*RESPONSE "We Are One in the Spirit" (vs. 4) 300

\*POSTLUDE "Rigaudon" Andre Campra

(\*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

# COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK & INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

Summer Schedule 10:30 – Traditional Service Join us for our sermon series: Astonishing God!

# First Presbyterian Church of Hastings Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

**Head of Church:** Jesus Christ

Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett Director of Children & Family Ministries: Stephanie Brader

Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton

Parish Associate and Spiritual Formation: Kili Wenburg

**Ministers:** Members of the Church

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Heitmann **Interim Director of Adult Education &** 

Fellowship: Sharon Brooks

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

**Church Office Administrator:** Jean Matheny

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Georgia Ochsner	FPC Prayers for:			
Susie Frerichs		Levi Kaiser		
Celia & Wayne Ganow	The Family of Laurie Loftquist	Nancy Zimba and family		
John Harrington	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	The Family of Lois Hahne		
Jeff & Ashley Hermann	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Danna Wolford and family		
Jim Harrenstein	Don Canady	Sharon Harvey		
Please let us know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the prayer list by				
calling the church office at 402-462-5147.				

## May 19, 2019:

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given by Jo and Les Seiler.

**Today's service will be broadcast live** on Facebook at <a href="www.facebook.com/fpchastings">www.facebook.com/fpchastings</a> and on Channel 181 Tuesday at 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.

**A copy of any Sunday service** is available on DVD disc upon request at no charge. Contact Jean in the office at 402-462-5147 or <a href="mailto:jean@fpchastings.org">jean@fpchastings.org</a>.

**Need a ride to church on Sundays?** Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Joan Shaw at 402-460-8195 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

**Flowers** are given in memory of Elton and Edith Wilcock by the family.

**2019 Offering Envelopes** are located on the built in wood shelf in the hall by the church office and on the welcome stand in the Memorial Room.

May Ushers (Team #3: Dave Fisher - Captain, Andrew Barrows, Ed Lockwood,

Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

**Greeters Today:** Sally Smith, Chuck & Jane Bauer

**Acolytes:** Corlé Hall, Paxton Rhodes

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson, Jessica Allen-Pickett

**May Communion Offering goes to United Harvest,** the traveling food pantry, delivering food directly to families in need for a one-day distribution on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of each month at the FPC P.E.A.C.E. Center.

<u>PLEASE NOTE:</u> A new lock has been installed in the Kitchen Door. The previous code is no longer valid. If you are in need of the new code, please come to the office.

The Worship, Art, and Music Committee thanks all the musicians and directors who have helped provide worship during church all year. A special thank you to the Celebrate Band, as they will not be leading worship regularly again.

# In memory of...

- ❖ Rev. Dr. Henry E. Fawcett, 86, passed away 04/11/2019 in Dubuque, IA. He was a much beloved pastor for the Hanover and Fairfield congregations and a close friend of Si Kessler. Memorials may be given to University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Student Scholarship Fund 1342.
- ❖ Bev Cooper passed away on 4/16/19. Services will be held 5/24 in Council Bluffs, IA. Memorials may be given to the First Presbyterian Church of Hastings.

# This Week at FPC --- May 20, 2019 - May 26, 2019

THIS WEEK ACTIV	c May 20, 2019	May 20, 2019
Mon, May 20	1:00p-3:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	<b>Mexican Dance Troupe</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center
		NW Classroom
	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Boys in Scout Room
	7:30p-9:30p	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal
Tues, May 21	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting
	12:00p-1:00p	<b>Bible Study</b> in Anderson Room
	1:00p	Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center
	6:45p-7:45p	<b>Deacons</b> in Anderson Room
	5:30p-8:00p	Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
Wed, May22	7:00a-8:00a	Bible @ Breakfast in the Parlor
	6:00p-7:00p	Chancel Bells
	6:30p-8:00p	Wood Carvers meet in Church Basement
Thurs, May 23	6:00p-7:00p	<b>Spanish Class</b> in P.E.A.C.E. Center NW
		Classroom
	7:00p-9:00p	Scout Troop 200-Girls in Scout Rooms
Fri, May 24	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies in Youth Activity Room
Sun, May 26	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service

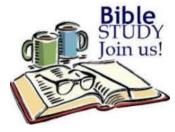
# PLEASE NOTE...

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 27 FOR MEMORIAL DAY



Mark your calendar! **Summer Book Club** will begin meeting on *Wednesday, June 12* at noon in the Anderson Conference Room. John Harrington will lead our discussion of David Galston's book, "Embracing the Human Jesus: A Wisdom Path for Contemporary Christianity."

**Bible** @ **Breakfast** (Wednesday at 7 a.m. in the Parlor) The current study is the development of the apocalyptic imagination in biblical history led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh. Focus for the last session is Ezekiel, Chapters 37 and 40. May 22 will be the last meeting this semester.





**Work Shirts Needed for Proteus** There is a great need for long sleeve work shirts for migrant workers this summer.

These shirts protect the workers from the sun and exposure to agricultural chemicals. While you are doing your spring cleaning, if you find long sleeve shirts you are no longer using, please bring them

and place them in the specially marked tub outside the Hands Around the World store. To participate in the distribution of the shirts to the workers in early July, please contact Denny Storer for details.

# VBS 2019 Monday, June 3- Thursday, June 6, 9:00am-12:00pm.

We are preparing for another great Vacation Bible School!



This year, we are using Living Waters for the World's VBS curriculum: *Water All Around the World*. It is designed to enable children to understand the importance of access to clean water for health, and to make them aware of the way in which this access (or lack of access!) affects the lives of children in



other countries. It also teaches the value of water in our own lives.

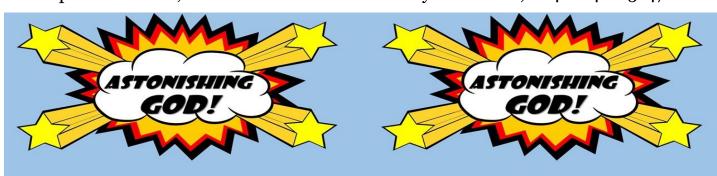
**2019 VBS Volunteer Sign-Up** It is our prayer that God has VBS in His plan for your life! We know Jesus will work through YOU at VBS. Would you prayerfully consider serving in VBS? Please register SOON as a volunteer at <a href="https://fpchastings.org/children/">https://fpchastings.org/children/</a>. Please contact Stephanie at <a href="mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org">stephanie@fpchastings.org</a> or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.

<u>To register your child to attend VBS</u> go to <a href="https://fpchastings.org/children/">https://fpchastings.org/children/</a> for the best week of the summer! \*\*Early drop-off option at 8:00am by pre-registration ONLY. Everyone welcome! Ages pre-school (must be toilet trained) through 4th Grade.

<u>Special Needs VBS 2019 will be held Tuesday, June 4 – Thursday, June 6 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm</u> Our ecumenical Special-Needs VBS will be staffed by volunteer special education teachers and others familiar with children who have special needs...maybe even a teacher, para, or parent you know.

*Registration is open* to elementary-aged, special-needs children and siblings. Registration is limited so sign-up now at <a href="https://fpchastings.org/children/">https://fpchastings.org/children/</a>. Printed registration forms are available on the wood shelf in the hall by the church office. *All registrations must be received before May 29*.

Can't wait to see you there! For more information, e-mail stephanie@fpchastings.org or call Stephanie Brader, Director of Children & Family Ministries, at 402-462-5147.



A sermon series about our astonishing God and God's astonishing acts through some astonishing events and people!

April 28: Seriously Sent, John 20:19-31 May 5: Awesome Ananias, Acts 9:1-20

May 12: Tremendous Tabitha, Acts 9:36-43 May 19: Fabulous Food, Acts 11:1-18

May 26: Loving Lydia, Acts 16:9-15 June 2: Amazing Ascension, Acts 1:1-11



The **PW Father's Day** Offering this year will go to *The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World*. There will be a table in Memorial room for donations May 26, June 2, and June 16. You may also take donations to the church office during the week.

More than half of Guatemala's population lives below the poverty level, with nearly a quarter living on less than \$2/day. Many people lack a source of safe drinking water, which has a multiplying impact on poverty. Currently, there are over 210 Living Waters for the World filtration systems installed across Guatemala, providing each of the surrounding communities with an opportunity to live longer, more healthful lives because they are finally free of water-borne illness and disease.

The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World helps to support teams that go to Guatemala to install waters systems, and provides ongoing support to those systems through local in-country staff. Pastor Greg has served on the US board of Living Waters for the World for the past six years. He also serves on the Guatemala Board of Living Waters for the World. As such, he travels there twice a year to help support the operation.

Donation in honor of	
Donation in memory of	

#### JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

The Relay For Life Walk is Friday, June 7, at the Hastings High School track, 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Once again, we have a First Presbyterian team as we have the past 7 years.

There are several ways you can support the fight against cancer.

- 1. You may purchase/dedicate a luminary in honor of, or in memory of, someone you love who has battled cancer. The suggested cost is \$10. Luminaries are lit up around the track making a beautiful sight at sunset. Luminaries are now available at a table in the Memorial Room each Sunday or in the church office during the week.
- 2. Donations may be given on line at www.Relayforlife.org.

The Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to end cancer, uniting communities across the globe to finish the fight. Dollars raised help the American Cancer Society save lives by supporting education and prevention efforts, funding groundbreaking cancer research, and providing free information and services for people with cancer who need them.



Join First Presbyterian Church of Hastings on a flood relief/recovery trip to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota

Dates: June 7-10, 2019

Needs: -Volunteers to do light construction and cleanup

-Volunteers to cook meals and support the work team

-Donations of supplies

Call the church office at 402-461-5147 or email Pastor Greg (greg@fpchastings.org) for more details or to sign up

# CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children.

(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)



Donations accepted now through October at these Hastings locations:

First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, YMCA and Pershing Orthodontics.

Thank you in advance!!

# Thank you!! To all the volunteers who helped make Christian Education events possible this year!

# -----Adult Christian Education Ministry Volunteers-----

Heirs Apparent: Curtis Reimer

Soup Group: Laurie Lofquist, Jessica Allen-Pickett

Spirituality Lab: Lanae Hall, Lindsey Stout

Bible @ Breakfast: John Harrington, Dan Deffenbaugh

Parenting Class: Jeni Howard, Meg Stewart-Magee, Abigail Kerr, Hannah Hafer, Nyanhial Duang

Grief Group: Lanae Hall, Dale Behrens Summer Book Club: John Harrington

Spanish Classes: Bertha De Dios Salvador\*, Jane Marsh, Margaret Marsh, Jeni Howard

#### Forums Led by Volunteers

"Hastings Hospice Choir: History & Ministry": Colleen Vacek\*, Tom Michalek\*, Hastings Hospice Choir

"Hastings College Sunday": Susan Meeske, Barbara Sunderman, Laura Logan\*

"Following Our Faith in the Midst of Polarization": Greg Allen-Pickett, Greg Lindenberger\*, John Whitsett\*

"1968: Fifty Years of Impact": Rev. Dr. William Nottage-Tacey

"2018 General Assembly": Greg Allen-Pickett, Sharon Rees

"Presbyterian Border Ministry": Greg Allen-Pickett, Denny Storer, Jan Ham, Jeni Howard

"Faith and Military Service": Jim Cooke, Rick Matticks, Dick Kleiber

"Ethical Shopping": Amy Black

"Religious Experience Inside and Outside the U.S.": Irina Belikova-Erickson

"Christmas Readings": Darrel Lloyd

"The Rule of St. Benedict": Wendy Keele\*

"Gallup Strengths Program": Valerie Brenn\*

"Mentoring Our Youth": Brady Rhodes

"Religious Experience Inside and Outside the U.S., Part II": Jane Marsh, Berthe de Dios Salvador\*

"Our Children's Mental Health": Susan Lindblad\*

"Mission in the Dominican Republic, Part I": Greg Allen-Pickett, Mary Fisk, Kristin Hamner

"Mission in the Dominican Republic, Part II, Music as a Universal Language,": Hannah Jensen

"Habitat for Humanity": Dan McCarthy, Rich Reimer\*, Carolyn McKenzie, Will Locke, and Caden Hoffman\*

"Strategic Plan for FPC-Hastings": Greg Allen-Pickett, Brady Rhodes

"Mission with Indigenous People in Papua New Guinea and Australia": Allie Matousek\*

"Bagels & Banners": Rev. Dr. William Nottage-Tacey

"Willa Cather's Journey of Faith": Charles Peek\*

"The First Native American Woman Physician & The Presbyterian Church": Bruce Sheffield\*

"The Mission of Pacha Soap": Andrew Vrbas\*

"What We Can Learn from the Early Church, Part 1 & 2": Rev. Dr. William Nottage-Tacey

\*This individual is not a member of our church but is a community member who has freely given of him/herself in service to us and to God. Please thank him/her if you have the opportunity!

# -----Children & Youth Christian Education Ministry Volunteers-----

## Sunday School Teachers

PreK/Kindergarten: Nancy Grams, Kris Horton, Lois Hafer 1st/2nd Grade: Irina Belikova-Erickson, Justin Brader

3rd/4th Grade: Jill Kramer & Ben Welsch

5th Grade: Traci Boeve, Chanda Essink, Susan Meeske-Rhodes

6th/7th Grade: Courtney Junker

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation: Dave Cooke, Neil Riley Sr. High: Kraig Lofquist & Laurie Lofquist

#### WNL Bible Study & Youth Group Teachers

PreK/Kindergarten: Jane Marsh, Susie Graham, Cheryl Schukei, Abigail Shetler

1st/2nd Grade: Leah Ratzlaff & Kathy Reimer

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jessica Allen-Pickett & Laurie Lofquist

5th Grade: Ann Koozer, Mary Fisk

6th/7th/8th Graders: Amy Hermes, Tim Redline

## Other Sunday Volunteers

Children's Moment Leaders: Nancy Grams Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff, Abigail Shetler

Confirmation Mentors: Leah Ratzlaff, Amy Black, Kathy Reimer, Matt Fong, Richard Johnson

#### Other WNL Volunteers

Greeters: Georgie Evans, Elaine Specht, Jane Foote

Table Setter: Nancy Grams

Recreation: Brady Rhodes, Diane Mullen, Eric Brader

Napkin Launderer: Jim & Lois Hahne

Dinner Dean: Chris Schukei

Table Parents and Substitutes: Abigail Shetler, Richard Brader, Sharon Brooks, Neal Hoff, Lois Hafer, Kraig Lofquist, Leah Ratzlaff, Tom Ratzlaff, Daveta Brader, Ben Welsch, Kili Wenburg, William Oliver, Susan Oliver,

Laurie Lofquist

Sunday School & WNL Attendance Recorder: Lynne Friedewald

#### Special thanks also go to...

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- Adult Christian Education Committee Members: Anne Bohlke, Jessica Meeske, Curtis Reimer, Ben Welsch, LaVern Franzen, Will Locke, Linda Cooke, Matt Fong

Thank you also (and sincere apologies) to anyone who was inadvertently left off this list!!!