



July 28, 2019
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

“Pastorale in F Major”

J.S. Bach

Linda Vollweiler, Organist

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

WELCOME

Damen Heitmann

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 63)

Kili Wenburg

Lord, you are our God. And we are your children, made in your image.

We will praise you with joyful lips.

Lord, you are our God. And we are your children, made in your image.

Our souls thirst for you.

Lord, you are our God. And we are your children, made in your image.

We behold your power and majesty.

Lord, you are our God. And we are your children, made in your image.

Come let us worship the God, who loves us, made us in God's image, and calls us God's own children!

*HYMN

“Open My Eyes that I May See”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we confess that we have not loved others as you have loved us. In fact, we often don't even love ourselves. In wisdom and love, you created your people in an array of colors, shapes, and sizes, with a diversity of abilities, gifts, challenges, and perspectives. When you looked upon your creation, you called it all "good." When we look upon your creation, we sometimes see the differences, and we call them "bad" or "wrong" or "gross." Lord, in your mercy, forgive us and teach us to love as you love. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question to contemplate: What differences do I notice between myself and others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even if we have sinned against God and others,

We know that God will forgive us and lead us towards reconciliation.

God will always call us back and remind us that we are God's children, made in God's image.

The image of God in us calls us to be people of compassion and love.

Be at peace precious children of God. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven and loved!

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God!”

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*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 WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

(While the children are coming down to the front, we will sing “This Little Light of Mine.”)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of truth and light, your holy word reminds us that we are all made in your image and that it challenges us to live faithful lives: to turn away from evil, to follow your ways, to serve your people. May your word of truth be heard and understood and then grow within us this day, that we may see the image of God in ourselves and others and act accordingly. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – John 8:2-11

SPECIAL MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art”

Carter Wenburg

arr. Carter Wenburg

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, students provide special music as a way of giving thanks to God.)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 13:10-17

SERMON

Based on the song “This Is Me” from *The Greatest Showman* Kili Wenburg
“This Is Me” Lyrics - See Insert

*HYMN

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – From the PC(USA) “Brief Statement of Faith”

In life and in death, we belong to God. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, and we accept lies as truth... Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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

OFFERTORY

“Open My Eyes”

arr. Paul Taylor

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Psalm 138)

We give you thanks, O, LORD, with our whole hearts. Through these gifts and offerings, we give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness. May these gifts and our very lives share your ways of love, compassion, mercy, and justice to the world, for great is your glory. Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. 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 "Spirit of the Living God" (x2) 288

*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

*BLESSING RESPONSE "Spirit of the Living God" 288

POSTLUDE "Recessional in C Major" G.F. Handel

(You are invited to remain seated during the postlude and listen reverently as a way to end your time of worship. The postlude serves as a musical offering sending people out into the world, urging the transition from service in the sanctuary to service in the community and throughout God's world.)

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

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

10:30 – Traditional Service with Communion, live music by the Robin Harrell Band, and a sermon on the song "One Voice" by the Wailin' Jennies

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

Head of Church: Jesus Christ
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July 21, 2019:

FPC Prayers for:		
Don Canady		Family of Susie Frerichs
Celia & Wayne Ganow	Eric Smith	Family of Lois Hahne
Norm Giesler	Russel Hilger (Ashley Mullen's father)	Family of John Harrington
Jim Harrenstein	Steve Thelen (Pamela Lay's brother-in law)	Family of Darleen Howard
Darrel Lloyd	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Family of Delores Levander
Starla Rethorst	Frank and Kay Georgianna	Family of Galen Finley

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.

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling.

Today's service will be broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings 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 jean@fpchastings.org.

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 Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling; and also by Mr. and Mrs. George Payne and Hubert Payne.

July Ushers (Team #5): Ken Stein – Captain, Dale Behrens, Travis Feezell, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, Kathleen Nelson

August Ushers (Team #6): Jim Harrenstein – Captain, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Paul Nuss, Chuck Shoemaker, Eric Brader

Greeters Today: Denny & Carol Storer, Jim & Carol Harrenstein

Acolytes: Ruei Duang, Addyson Hermes

Nursery: Kim Bogan, Andrea Franzen, Laura Peterson

August Communion Offering is Food4Thought, a non-profit food assistance program run by Hastings College students and assisted by campus and community volunteers. Each week, volunteers pack and deliver bags of food to Hastings Public elementary schools. These bags are then sent home on Fridays with students whose families qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Currently, Food4Thought provides supplemental meals designed to feed a family of six for two days to over 100 local families.

In memory of...

- ❖ Delores Levander passed away Friday, July 5, 2019, at Harvard Rest Haven. Services were held July 10 with Rev. Damen Heitmann presiding.
- ❖ Galen Finley passed away July 19, 2019. Services were held Saturday, July 27th with Rev. Damen Heitmann presiding. Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church of Hastings, NE or the National Rifle Association (NRA).

This Week at FPC --- July 29, 2019 – August 4, 2019

Mon, July 29	1:00p-3:00p 7:30p-9:30p	Open Table Meal Prep/Cook Chorus of the Plains
Tues, July 30	10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p 1:30p-4:00p 5:30p-8:00p	NO Staff Meeting Bible Study in Anderson Room Quilters meet in P.E.A.C.E. Center Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym
Wed, July 31	12:00p-1:00p 6:30p-9:00p	Summer Book Club in Anderson Wood Carvers
Thurs, Aug 1	4:30p-5:30p 5:30p-6:30p 5:30p-8:00p 6:00p-7:00p	Pooch corner/FPC Liaison Meeting in Anderson Christian Ed in Parlor Pickle Ball in P.E.A.C.E. Center Gym Spanish Class in P.E.A.C.E. Center, NW Classroom
Fri, Aug 2	9:30a-12:00p 10:00a-12:00p	Church Women United in the Parlor Mahjong Ladies in the Youth Room
Sun, Aug 4	10:30a	Traditional Worship Service

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. *Mark your calendar now!* To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at [402-469-9285](tel:402-469-9285) or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.



Summer Book Club meets weekly on *Wednesdays, July 17 through August 21* at noon in the Anderson Conference Room. We will discuss David Galston's book *Embracing the Human Jesus: A Wisdom Path for Contemporary Christianity*.



First Presbyterian Church-Hastings has an “APP” for you!

Our directory of names, contact information and corresponding family photos is ready for you to create your login at <http://instantchurchdirectory.com>. You can use the email address from your 2018 listing to gain access because only members will be able to create a login and load an app on their phones.

New Member Class Coming in September

Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church, or simply curious about what membership might mean? You are invited to attend our three-session New Member course, which will cover Presbyterian history and theology, as well as local structures and involvement opportunities. Classes will take place from 5:00-6:30pm on three Wednesdays, September 11, 18, and 25, in the Adult Ed Classroom (by the church office). Each session includes complimentary meal and child care.



Please contact the church office to RSVP (402-462-5147)

Coming this Fall!
Financial Peace University



Dave Ramsey created Financial Peace University nearly 25 years ago after learning how to pay off debt, save and spend wisely, and build wealth. Today, millions have used the same principles to transform their lives. You

shouldn't feel overwhelmed and powerless over your money. You can be in control of your money and your future.

Nine Week Class: September 9 - November 4, 2019

Monday's at 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Cost: \$129.99

Register at: www.fpu.com/1093853

Questions? Call Deb Johnson at 402-469-5847



Christianity in Action in Zambia
Join us Monday, August 5th at 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
For a presentation and barbecue at the
Allen-Pickett Home

Don't miss this rare opportunity to hear first
hand about Christianity in action in Zambia from
Mission Co-Workers, Charles and Melissa
Johnson.

Charles and Melissa Johnson have been invited to help the Church of Central Africa, Presbyterian Synod of Zambia, expand its ministry of community development and food security. A major focus of Charles's position as Development Specialist is teaching sustainable agriculture to students at Chasefu Theological College and developing Chasefu Farm. The farm feeds the students, trains smallholders in sustainable agriculture, and generates revenue to support CTC and the farm itself. Melissa serves in the Health Department as Health Education Programs Facilitator. She is responsible for working with health-related stakeholders to identify important needs and gaps in the general population's health education and to facilitate training programs. "We pray that our work in Zambia will see new partnerships created that will benefit those we serve alongside," say Melissa and Charles.

- **Attendees are asked to bring a side dish for the barbecue.**
- **A free will donation will be taken for the presenters.**
- **Please RSVP by contacting Jean in the church office at 402-462-5147 or by signing up Sunday in the Memorial Room.**

All are welcome.

Summer Sermon Song Series

May 26: *Jesus is Just Alright* - Doobie Brothers

June 2: *Fight Song* - Rachel Platten

June 16: *I still haven't found what I'm looking for* - U2

June 23: *To Sir, With Love* - Lulu

July 7: *Coming to America* - Neil Diamond

July 14: *Shine* - Collective Soul

July 21: *Man in the Mirror* - Michael Jackson

July 28: *This is me* - Greatest Showman (Musical)

August 4: *One Voice* - Wailin' Jennys

August 11: *I Hope* - Dixie Chicks

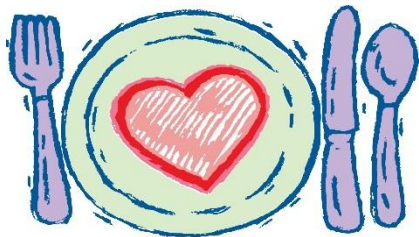
August 18: *Bridge Over Troubled Waters* - Simon and Garfunkel



August 25: *Come from Away* (Musical)

September 1: *Better Boat* - Kenny Chesney

September 8: *Beautiful Messes* - Hilary Scott



Wednesday Night Live Family Time

Do you have the gifts and talents to serve as a Wednesday Night Live (WNL) Table Parent during our Family Time meals?

The goal of WNL Family Time is to provide a joyous, cross-generational celebration of personhood over a shared meal as

we experience being the family of God. The role of the table parent is as follows:

- Arrives before 5:55 pm and stays through dinner approximately 6:45 pm.
- Maintains order and carries on a joyous, "family" conversation at the table.
- Works on building relationships with the youth/children assigned to the table.
- Supervises serving and cleaning up the tables.
- Helps the youth/children be responsive to the leadership of the Dinner Dean.
- Participates in and encourages all members of the table to engage in family fun time.
- Serves as a friend to each young person outside of WNL.
- Prays regularly for each person at his/her table.

Is God calling you to serve as a WNL Table Parent?

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. Our first WNL for the 2019/2020 ministry year will be August 21. If you feel this is your calling, please contact Stephanie by phone, 402-462-5147 or by email, stephanie@fpchastings.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE KICK-OFF

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

9:15-9:30: All gather in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School & Wednesday Night Live (WNL) teachers' introductions (cookies, coffee, and juice will be served)

9:30-10:15: Age 3 thru 12th-grade students will proceed to their classrooms with their teachers for Sunday School. Parents/Guardians will remain in Fellowship Hall for a Parent Information/Registration Meeting.



This Is Me

-The Greatest Showman

I am not a stranger to the dark
Hide away, they say
'Cause we don't want your broken parts
I've learned to be ashamed of all my
scars
Run away, they say
No one'll love you as you are

But I won't let them break me down to
dust
I know that there's a place for us
For we are glorious

When the sharpest words wanna cut me
down
I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown
them out
I am brave, I am bruised
I am who I'm meant to be, this is me
Look out 'cause here I come
And I'm marching on to the beat I drum
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me

Another round of bullets hits my skin
Well, fire away 'cause today, I won't let
the shame sink in
We are bursting through the barricades
and
Reaching for the sun (we are warriors)
Yeah, that's what we've become

I won't let them break me down to dust
I know that there's a place for us
For we are glorious

When the sharpest words wanna cut me
down
I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown
them out
I am brave, I am bruised
I am who I'm meant to be, this is me
Look out 'cause here I come
And I'm marching on to the beat I drum
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me

This is me and I know that I deserve
your love
'cause there's nothing I'm not worthy of
When the sharpest words wanna cut me
down
I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown
them out
This is brave, this is proof
This is who I'm meant to be, this is me

Look out 'cause here I come (look out
'cause here I come)
And I'm marching on to the beat I drum
(marching on, marching, marching on)
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me

When the sharpest words wanna cut me
down
I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown
them out

Oh This is me

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Justin Paul / Benj Pasek
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