

## Fourth Sunday of Easter May 3, 2020

### PRELUDE

"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

arr. Gayden Sikes

Linda Vollweiler, organ

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

### WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Heitmann

*Can you hear the voice of God?*

***We hear God calling us by name.***

*Are you troubled or distressed?*

***As we gather this morning, virtually, in our homes, in our cars, or wherever we may be, may we find in our worship a place to rest for a while.***

*Come and find a guide who knows these lands.*

***We come to praise our Shepherding God, whose pathways lead to life. We come to share sacred time and sacred meals. Come, let us worship God!***

### \*OPENING HYMN

"Let us Break Bread Together"

525

Linda and Richard Johnson, Song Leaders

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Almighty and merciful God, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.***

***Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of comfort, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law.***

***Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.***

### SILENT CONFESSION

*Question for contemplation:*

*When have I failed to see God's sacred work in the world and in my life?*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Jesus said, I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly.*

***In our confessing, we have returned to the shepherd, the guardian of our souls, who welcomes us with open arms and a glad heart.***

*Know that the shepherd of our lives never abandons us, is always calling our name, and unfailingly loves and forgives us.*

***Alleluia! Amen!***

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” 582  
*Linda and Richard Johnson, Song Leaders*

\*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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***As your word is read and proclaimed, let us perceive it beyond hearing, understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.***

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 23

ANTHEM “Here I Am, Lord” *arr. by Marty Parks/Tom Fettke*  
*Duet by Linda and Richard Johnson; Linda Vollweiler, accompanist*

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 2:42-47

MESSAGE “Sacred Meals” Greg Allen-Pickett

\*HYMN “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” 509  
*Linda and Richard Johnson, Song Leaders*

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Come, Share the Lord” *arr. Lloyd Larson*  
*Duet by Linda and Richard Johnson; Linda Vollweiler, accompanist*

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606  
*Linda and Richard Johnson, Song Leaders*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Thank you, O Lord, for all the wonderful gifts with which you have blessed our lives. Take these gifts, these tokens, and use them to build your realm, to heal the broken hearted, bind up those who are wounded, welcome the stranger, and become hope in the world. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.***

### INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

## THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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.*

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION ANTHEM      "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"      510  
*Linda and Richard Johnson, Song Leaders*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN      "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"      526  
*Linda and Richard Johnson, Song Leaders*

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.  
I am the church; you are the church; we are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world, yes, we're the church together!

\*POSTLUDE      "Allegro Giocoso" from Water Music      G. F. Handel  
Organist Linda Vollweiler  
(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

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

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

"Stay at Home" Traditional Worship Service

**Broadcast live**

10:30 a.m. on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](https://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM

# Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees. (on our knees)

## Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,


O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshipers' experience.

582

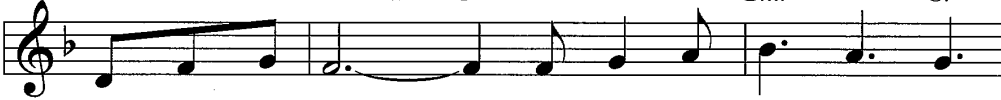
# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F




1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7




and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
C7 F A Dm



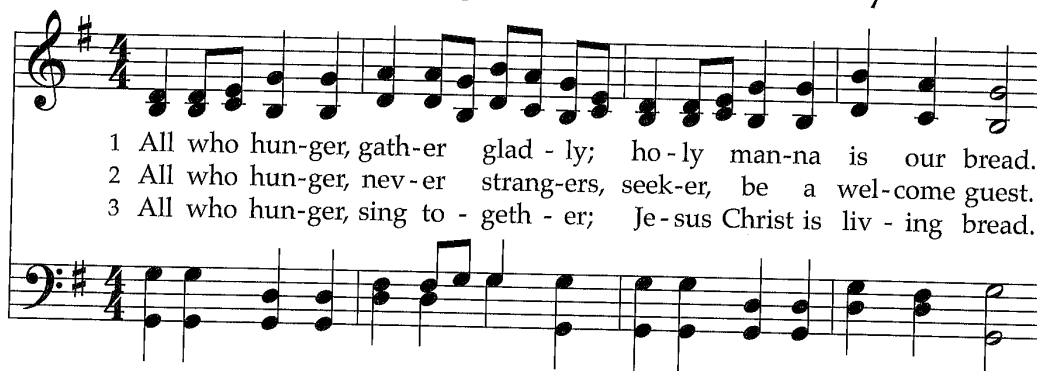
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

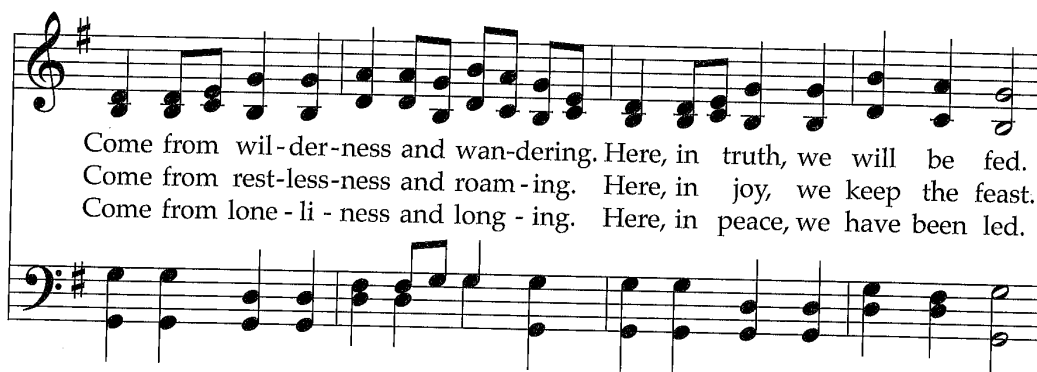


As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

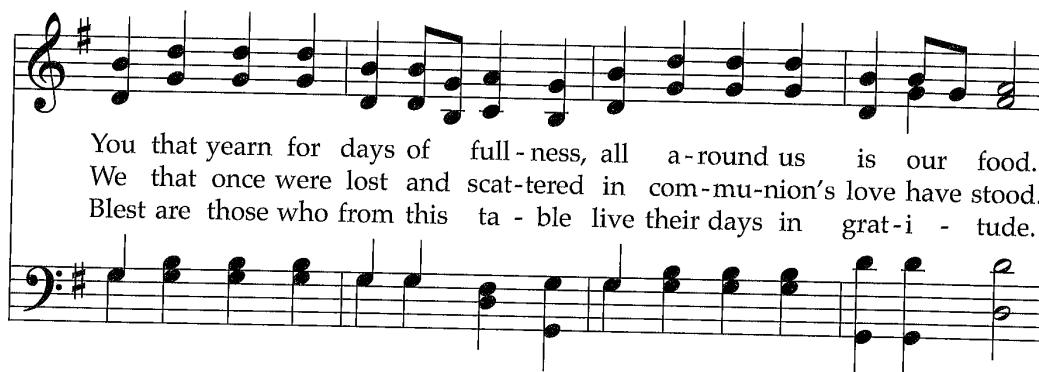
# All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



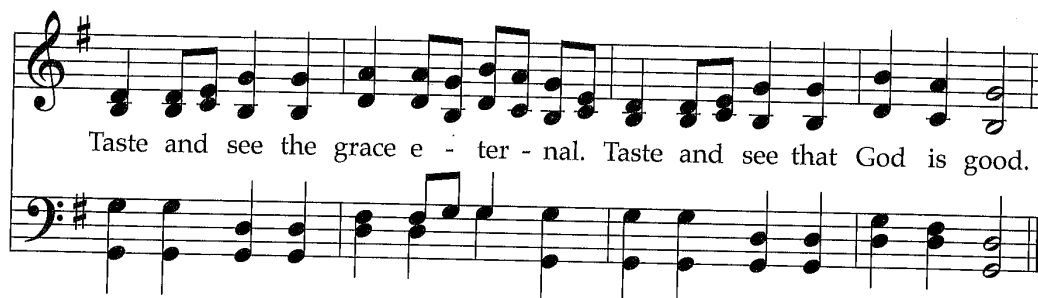
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

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Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow  
Doxology

The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with asterisks marking specific words. The score is divided into three systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

\*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH

# 510 We Gather Here in Jesus' Name

## Come, Share the Lord

Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$  (D) F (Em7) Gm7

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name;  
 2 He joins us here; he breaks the bread;  
 3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

(D) F (Asus) Csus

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;  
 the Lord who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;  
 we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

(A7) C7 (D) F (A) C (D) F

for through the lov - ing Son the Fa - ther makes us one:  
 the one we love the most is now our gra - cious host:  
 now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (Em) Gm (A) C (D) F *Fine*

come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

(A7) C7 (D) F (G) B $\flat$  (A7) C7 (D) F

(1) No one is a strang - er here; 7 ev - ery - one be - longs.  
 (2) We are now a fam - i - ly, of which the Lord is head.

(G) B $\flat$  (A7) C7 (D) F (Bm) Dm (Em7) Gm7 (Asus) Csus (A) C

Find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.  
 Though un - seen, he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

The center of this text recalls Christ's post-Resurrection meal at Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), a reminder that the Risen Christ is in our midst when two or three gather in his name (Matthew 18:20) and share a foretaste of the Heavenly Feast (Matthew 26:29/Luke 22:18/Mark 14:25).



## 526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a



shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;  
 sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,  
 world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;  
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!



earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

*Maracas and other rhythm instruments may be used.* ♩: ♩. ♩. ♩. :||

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

**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  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

**Ministers:** Members of the Church  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Heitmann  
**Parish Associate:** Kili Wenburg  
**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

**May 3, 2020**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Edna Perry and Shirley Johnston and family.

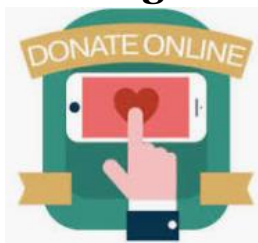
**Flowers** are given in loving memory of Mabel C. and Frank E. Weyer by family.

**Today's service will be broadcast**

- live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)  
(You don't need to have an account to watch.)
- on the radio during Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. on KICS 1550 AM.
- on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
- at Good Samaritan Village, the 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](mailto:jean@fpchastings.org).

**Looking for a way to give during our time of "Stay at Home" Church?** The church counts on your giving to carry on its work. As you participate in "Stay at Home" Worship, please mail your donation in, drop by the church office during the week, sign up for electronic fund transfers, or give on-line at: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>



In the days and weeks to come, the church will continue to play a vital role in responding to this virus, just as we did with the flood relief efforts in Nebraska last year. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

**FPC Prayers for:**

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)	Family of Judy Brown
Jim Duval	Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's Dad)	Alana DeBellis & family
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Family of Celia Ganow
Jane Horton	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Jeff Howard
Jim Hahne	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Irina Erickson's Mom
Everly Hogan	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's Dad)	Gretchen Lainson
Janet Schawang	Family of Georga Ochsner	Jim Harrenstein
		Family of Ben Ore

**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.**

## In Memory of

- ♥ *Georga Ochsner*, who passed away April 17, 2020. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church. Cards and memorials may be sent to Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home.
- ♥ *Judy Brown*, who passed away April 18, 2020. A private family graveside service was held at Hanover Presbyterian Churchyard Cemetery, Glenvil, with Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett officiating. Memorials may be given to Nebraska Foundation for the Blind. Cards and memorials may be sent to Livingston Butler Volland Funeral Home.
- ♥ *Ben Ore*, who passed away April 21, 2020. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church.

### This Week at FPC --- May 4 – May 10, 2020

*Session has voted to suspend all in-person meetings through May 11 in order to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. All boards and committees will continue to meet via conference call to be coordinated by the church staff representative.*

<b>Mon, May 4</b>		<b>“Monday Check-in” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via email and social media
<b>Tues, May 5</b>	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Called Session meeting</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
	<b>5:30p-7:00p</b>	<b>WAM Meeting</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
<b>Wed, May 6</b>	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>United Harvest Board</b> Location TBD
	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Bible at Breakfast</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
	<b>9:30a-10:30p</b>	<b>Hastings College Chapel</b>
	<b>11:00a-11:45a</b>	<b>PW Coordinating Team</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
		<b>“Kids’ Corner” Communication</b> from Stephanie Brader Sent via email and social media
<b>Thurs, May 7</b>	<b>7:00a-8:00a</b>	<b>Retreat in the Real World</b> via Zoom Conferencing
<b>Fri, May 8</b>	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>Christian Ed-Youth</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
		<b>“Friday Feature” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via email and social media
<b>Sat, May 9</b>		
<b>Sun, May 10</b>	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>“Stay at Home” Worship Service</b>

## 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!!

*We are not ready to start  
collecting coats, but please  
save them for when we are!*



American  
Red Cross

The next Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020, **has been cancelled**. The new date is pending and will be announced as soon as it is available. 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



Sponsored by:  
First United Methodist Church  
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Third Saturday of the Month  
Annex Building  
Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

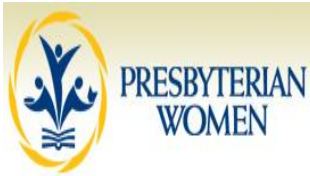
A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

May 16, 2020		
A, B	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	11:30 AM

Those interested in receiving food should bring boxes or bags. Those interested in volunteering with the event should simply show up on the date of the next distribution and check in at the volunteer sign-in table. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00. Plastic bags can be brought to the church office and donated to the cause.



**Graduating Seniors, Are you looking for scholarships for college?** Did you know First Presbyterian Church has two that are available? The deadline of May 15 is fast approaching. For details and applications check out the FPC website under the scholarship section.



## **Presbyterian Women supports Healthy Beginnings with a special Mother's Day offering, Sunday, May 10.**

Healthy Beginnings is a Mary Lanning Healthcare program established to help families at high risk, especially those struggling with financial shortages, homelessness, addiction issues, abuse and neglect, domestic violence, and health issues. Home visits are offered weekly for families prenatally and until the last child is three years of age.

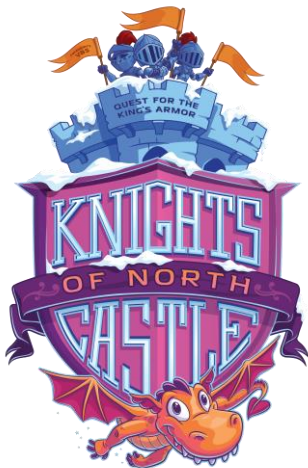
Healthy Beginnings often work with parents that have a history of substance abuse. It is very common for people to think that because of their past history that they can't parent. We worked with a couple that both had a history of substance abuse. They worried that they couldn't care for their infant after they both went to rehab. They feared relapsing due to the stress of finances and having a newborn.

Healthy Beginnings has been supporting them not only with their parenting needs but also to live a healthy lifestyle away from drugs. Both the mother and father have remained drug free, are employed, in secure housing, and have learned to enjoy becoming great parents.

Please keep in your prayers the hospital team members who work with Healthy Beginnings and the families they support.

*Please make your donation checks out to Presbyterian Women and mail them to the church. A table will be set up in the Memorial Room when we are able to once again meet at the church.*

**Please note: The May PW luncheon has been cancelled.**



## **2020 VBS Volunteers Needed** **First Presbyterian Church--Hastings, NE**

We are preparing for two amazing Vacation Bible School offerings again this year—our Traditional VBS and our Special-Needs VBS.

We are using Cokesbury's Knight of North Castle VBS. North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is.

Knights of North Castle VBS invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power.

They'll explore Old and New Testament stories and discover different pieces of protective armor—the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Justice, the Shield of Faith, and the Helmet of Salvation—at work in the lives of familiar Bible characters, and they will explore how that armor works in their own lives as they follow and serve God.



**Our Traditional VBS will be held \*\***

**Monday, June 1- Thursday, June 4, from 9:00am-12:00pm**

**Our Special-Needs VBS will be held \*\***

**Monday, June 1 – Wednesday, June 3, from 1:00pm-3:00pm**

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 <https://fpchastings.org/children/>. Please contact Stephanie at [stephanie@fpchastings.org](mailto:stephanie@fpchastings.org) or 402-462-5147 with any questions or if you'd like a printed registration form.

***\*\*Please Note*** - the Session will be meeting on May 4 to review the situation and when it makes sense to resume in-person church activities. They will also look at anything already on the schedule that may need to be rescheduled, including VBS dates.



### ***KID'S CORNER (also located on Facebook)***

Dear FPC Family:

Each Wednesday, I will be recording a short bible story and share a link to some fun activities that all correspond with the scripture lesson for the following Sunday. I'll be calling this "Kid's Corner." You can click on the links below to watch the video and to connect with some fun puzzles and crafts. The video and materials are geared mostly toward children, but I

hope that some adults will enjoy them also. Please share with your friends, kids, and grandkids.

Here is this week's Kid's Corner information. Enjoy and share with a friend.

Link to the Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/42xvLJlbm60>

Link to the activities: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZibqHGT2NdA4WRCl-FiLbuqk9M\\_DzaVS?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZibqHGT2NdA4WRCl-FiLbuqk9M_DzaVS?usp=sharing)

I look forward to continuing to connect with families through "Kid's Corner" and to continue our faith formation outside of our routine programs like Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live. Have a blessed week!

Your Servant in Christ,

Stephanie Brader, Director of Education for Children & Youth

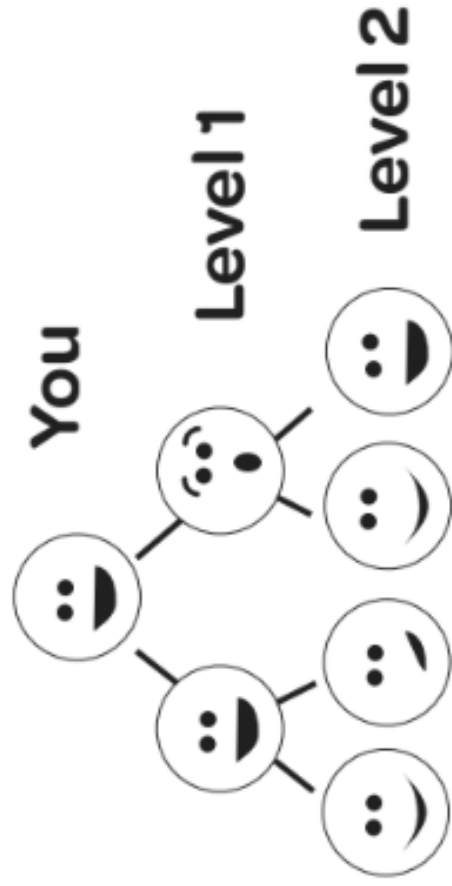
# Spread the Love

Happiness is contagious! Draw happy faces on all of these new Christians. When you are finished, color in the rest of the page!



# Multiplied Believers

If there was one disciple preaching in a town, and he told two people, and each of them told two people, and so on, the believers in Christ would grow at an amazing rate! The first two levels have been done for you. If you say that each person tells two other people, how many believers would there be after the 6th level? If everybody in your class told two people, how many people would know?





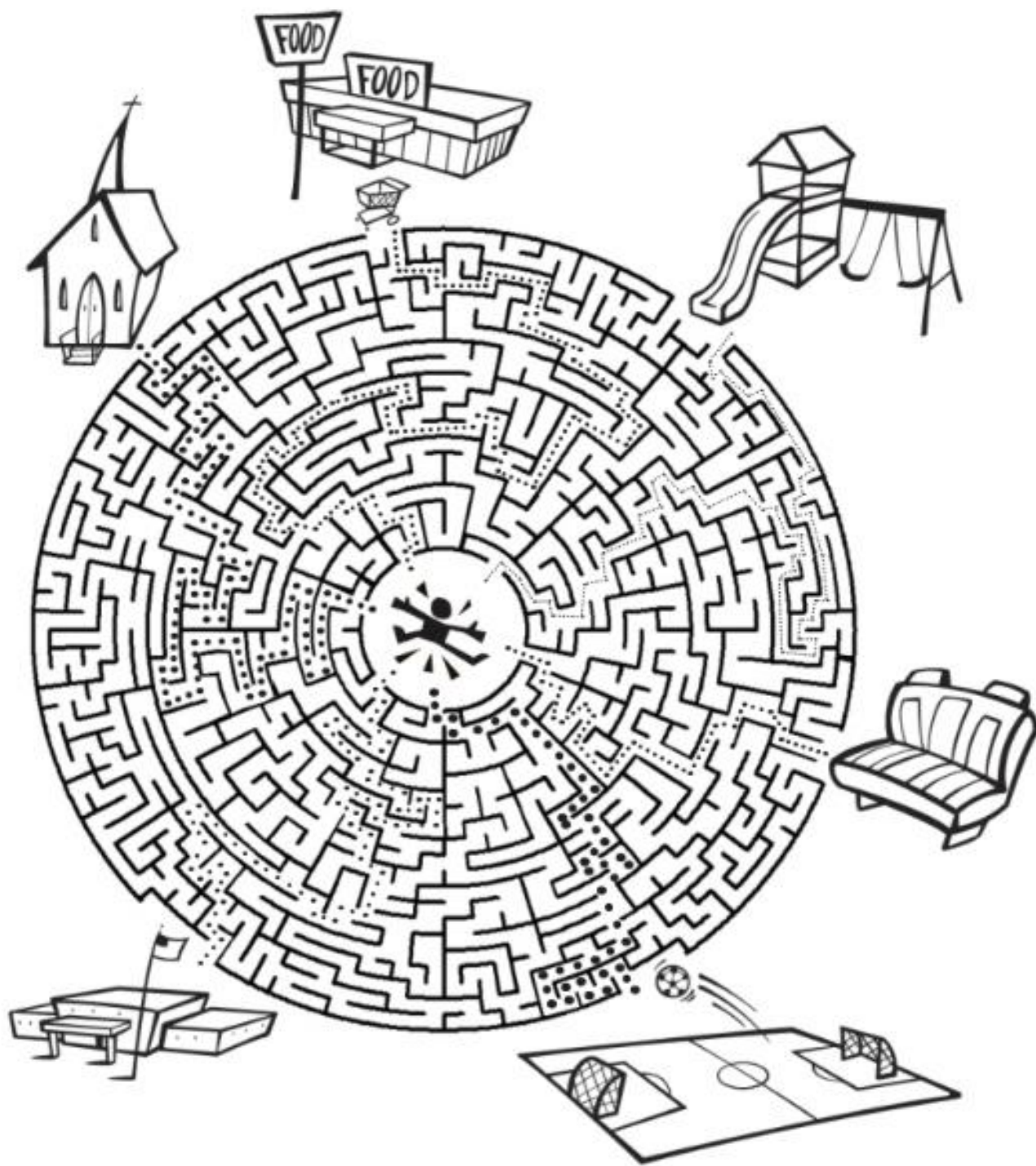
# Spread the Good News

This maze isn't like many others — instead of going from start to finish with one path, there are many paths you can follow to share the good news. Can you find all six paths?



# Spread the Good News Solution

This maze isn't like many others — instead of going from start to finish with one path, there are many paths you can follow to share the good news. Can you find all six paths?



# Early Believers



They shared their money and their homes.



# Early Believers



The early believers were great at sharing.