



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## May 17, 2020

PRELUDE                      “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”                      arr. Chris Rise  
    Eleanor Oliver, piano  
    (The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Damen Heitmann

OPENING QUESTION  
*When have you felt united with someone or something?*

**INTROIT**

**"I Come With Joy"**  
*Eleanor Oliver, piano*

*Brian Wren*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

*What should we do today?*

***I suppose we could wash our hair and put on real clothes.***

*Yes, those seem like good ideas. Anything else?*

***We could share a meal with loved ones or phone a friend that we miss dearly.***

*Yes, those do seem like lovely suggestions. Anything else?*

***We could marvel at the connectedness of all things: the soil, the air, the past, the future.***

*Oh, I like that. We could stand gob smacked at the way our hearts entwine together even through time and distance.*

***We could offer our thanks and praise to God whose spirit tethers us together, who reveals to us daily grace, and whose commands offer form and shape for our lives.***

*I like that. Let's do that. And may the spirit of God be made known to you, wherever you are.*

*OPENING HYMN	“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” <i>The Oliver Family, Song Leaders</i>	408
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## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***It's not so much that we aren't willing to follow. It's that we are too willing to follow too much. We follow trends and celebrities. We adhere to social norms and polite customs. We keep to the ways that we believe will get us ahead and make us profitable. We tend to the commandments of selfish ambition and insular thinking. And in so doing, we wander away from your commandments, O God. Our love for self, obscures our love for you and our neighbors. Remind us, dear One, of the call you place on our lives: to love others as you have loved us.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

*Question for contemplation:*

*Which of God's commandments will you keep this week?*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Praise be to God, whose mercy knows no end.*

***Praise be to God, who lived among us and calls us God's own.***

*In the name of Jesus the Christ, we are forgiven and loved.*

***Amen. And again, amen.***

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

**"Glory Be to the Father"**

*The Oliver Family, Song Leaders*

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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

## RECOGNITION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS

## 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 – Acts 17:22-31

## ANTHEM

**"Forest Dawn"**

*Laura Kate Oliver, piano*

*Catherine Rollin*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – John 14:15-24

## MESSAGE

**"Keepsakes"**

**Damen Heitmann**

## \*HYMN

**"I Need Thee Every Hour"**

*The Oliver Family, Song Leaders*

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\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the PC(USA) Brief Statement of Faith, 1991)

***We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.***

***The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit, who inspired the prophets and apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.***

***In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.***

***In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"***

***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.***

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

**"The Swing"**  
Meredith Oliver, piano

Carl Czerny

### \*DOXOLOGY

**"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**  
The Oliver Family, Song Leaders

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### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***We give to your glory and to the building of your kingdom not only these gifts of dollar and coin but also our very hearts so that the hearts of others may be healed; our very minds so that the minds of our neighbors may be soothed; our whole selves so that the whole selves of our strangers may be loved and sustained. 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

**"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**  
The Oliver Family, Song Leaders

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### \*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**

**"Sunrise"**

*Brian Crain*

*Eleanor Oliver, piano*

*(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 (at least through May 31<sup>st</sup>)**

**Broadcast live**

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

***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

## 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
 2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
 know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
 one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
 going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1962

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SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT  
 9.11.9.11 with refrain

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here  
 with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we  
 lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have  
 been re - lived when we shall leave this place.

## Glory Be to the Father

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The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The final measure of the score is marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

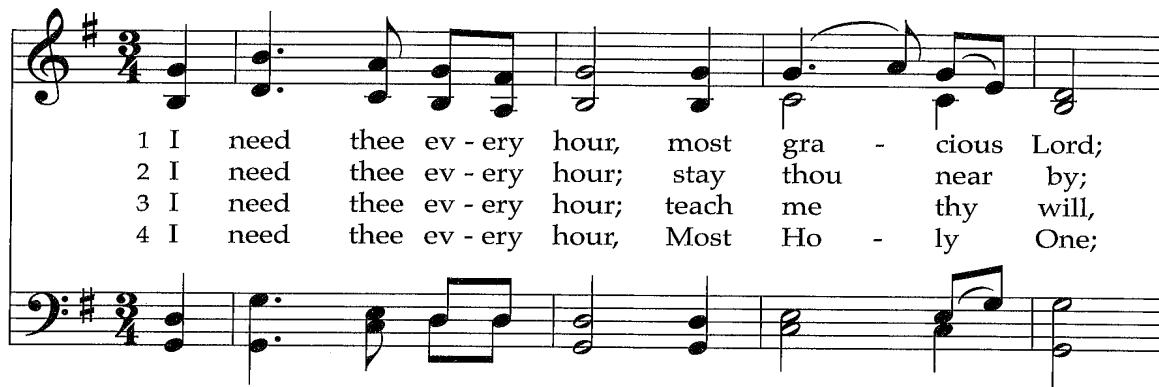
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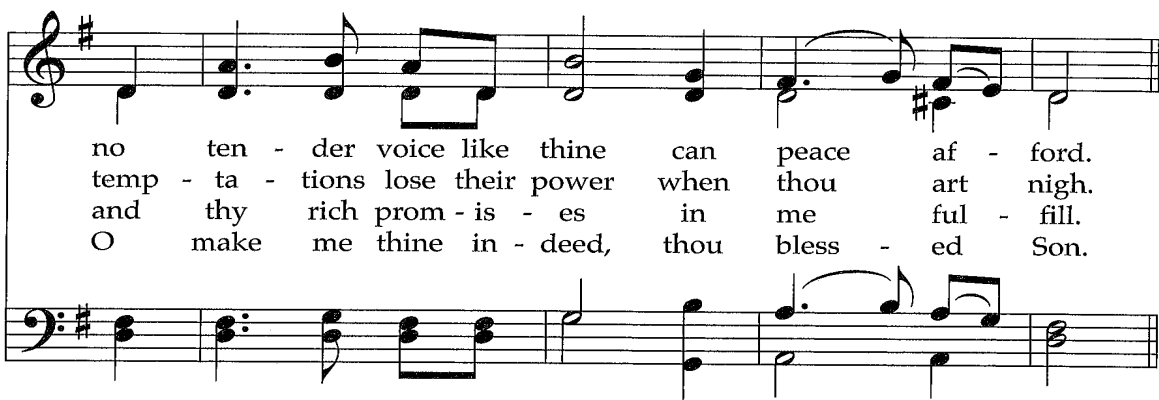
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

# 735 I Need Thee Every Hour



1 I need thee ev - ery hour, most gra - cious Lord;  
 2 I need thee ev - ery hour; stay thou near by;  
 3 I need thee ev - ery hour; teach me thy will,  
 4 I need thee ev - ery hour, Most Ho - ly One;



no ten - der voice like thine can peace af - ford.  
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when thou art nigh.  
 and thy rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.  
 O make me thine in - deed, thou bless - ed Son.

## Refrain



I need thee, O I need thee, ev - ery hour I need thee!



O bless me now, my Sav - ior— I come to thee!

Encouraged by her pastor in Brooklyn, New York, the author of this text wrote over four hundred hymn texts. This is the only one to receive wide use, but it has been translated into many languages. Her pastor composed this tune and, with her consent, added the text of the refrain.

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# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

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.

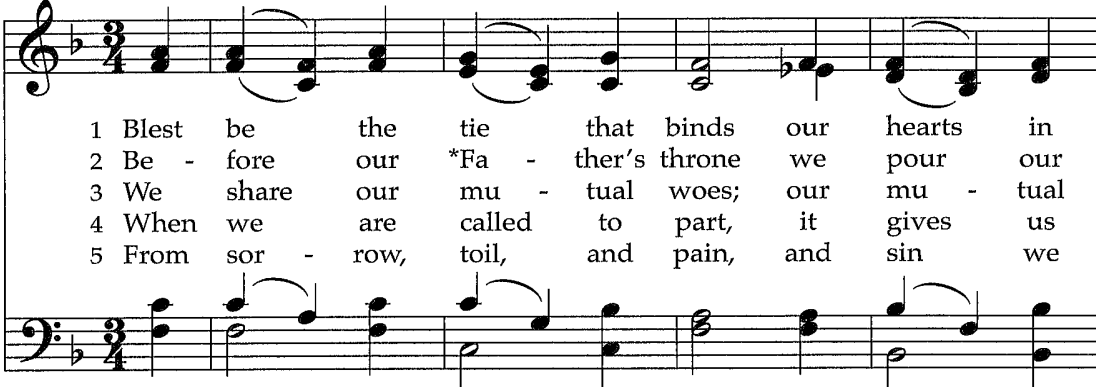
*\*Or "God"*

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

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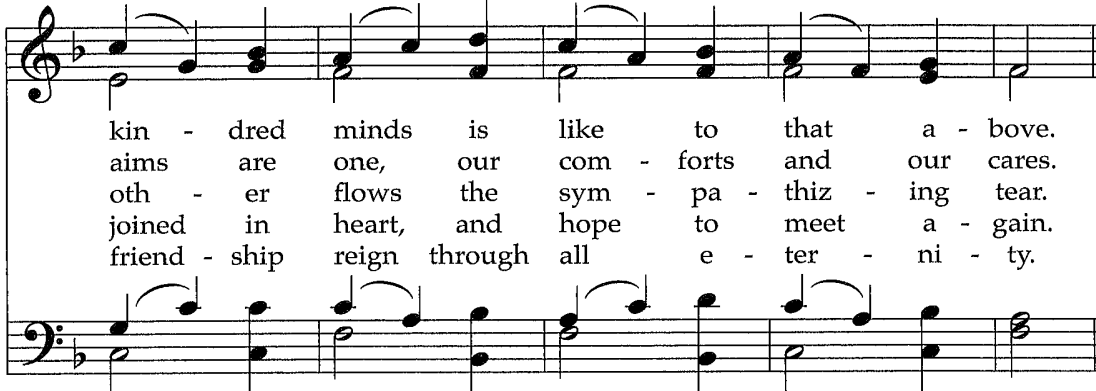
# Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in  
 2 Be - fore our \*Fa - ther's throne we pour our  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual  
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us  
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we



Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of  
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our  
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each  
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be  
 shall be free; and per - fect love and



kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.  
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

\*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

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

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

**Sunday School Teachers**

PreK/Kindergarten: Nancy Grams, Lois Hafer

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Irina Belikova-Erickson, Chelby Schlichtman, Pam Schlichtman

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jill Kramer, Ben Welsch

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Traci Boeve, Courtney Junker

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Kris Horton, Dave Cooke

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation: Steph Brader

Sr. High: Kim Day, Bruce Day, Kili Wenburg, Susan Oliver, William Oliver

**WNL Bible Study & Youth Group Teachers**

PreK/Kindergarten: Jane Marsh, Grace Brader

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Leah Ratzlaff, Kathy Reimer

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jessica Allen-Pickett, Ashley Mullen

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ann Koozer, Mary Fisk

6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Amy Hermes, Leah Ratzlaff, Steph Brader

**Other Sunday Volunteers**

Children's Moment Leaders: Nancy Grams

Nursery: Leah Ratzlaff, Kristen Eckhardt, Grace Brader

Confirmation Mentors: Kathy Reimer, Tony Eddleman, Joe Black, Will Locke, Scott Shardelow

**Other WNL Volunteers**

Greeters: Georgie Evans, Elaine Specht, Jane Foote

Table Setter: Nancy Grams

Recreation: Brady Rhodes, Eric Brader

Kitchen Crew: Justin Brader, Jessica Allen-Pickett

Napkin Launderer: Marie Rasmussen

Dinner Dean: Chris Schukei, Damen Heitmann

Table Parents: Chris Schukei, Damen Heitmann, Richard Brader, Lois Hafer, Hannah Hafer, Erika Nielsen, Neal Hoff, Jim Wenburg, Brian Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Scott Shardelow, Leah Ratzlaff, Daveta Brader, Milrae Korb, Harold Korb, Kathy Utter

Attendance Recorder: Lynne Friedewald

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**-----Adult Christian Education Ministry Volunteers-----**

**Heirs Apparent:** Dr. Curtis Reimer, Ruth Nielsen

**Bible @ Breakfast:** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh, Sharon Brooks

**Grief Group:** Dr. Dale Behrens

**Summer Book Club:** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh, Sharon Brooks

**Forum Host:** Grant Hunter

**Forums Led by Volunteers**

“Retreat in the Real World”: Kili Wenburg

“Holy Land Preview and Review”: Holy Land Travelers

“Nebraska Flood Relief”: Brian Johnson, Tim Johnson

“Meal of Welcome”: Aida Evans\*, Mark Evans\*

“Beyond Borders”: Mark Adams\*, Jocabed Gallegos\*, Carmina Sanchez Cifuentez\*

“Project Sunflower”: Kelly Bonifas\*

“Women and Reform in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century”: Dr. Catherine Biba\*

“Hasting College Updates”: Dr. Barbara Sunderman, Dr. Roger Doerr

“Gift of Music”: Hannah Jensen

“Honor Thy Mother and Father”: Courtney Peeler\*

“Myths, Misnomers, & Faith”: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh\*

“Writing from Faith”: Dr. Constance Malloy

\*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 God. Please thank him/her if you have the opportunity!

**Special thanks also go to...**

- Erik Nielsen, for expert technical assistance
- Children & Youth Christian Education Committee Members: Chris Junker, Brian Johnson, Harold Korb, Jill Kramer, Nancy Grams, Kathy Reimer, Kris Horton, Irina Belikova-Erickson, Amy Hermes, Lindsey Stout
- Adult Christian Education Committee Members: Dr. Anne Bohlke, Dr. Jessica Meeske, Dr. Curtis Reimer, Ben Welsch, LaVern Franzen, Dr. Will Locke, Linda Cooke, Matt Fong

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

**May 17, 2020**

**The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Loved Ones.

**Flowers** are given in memory of Elton and Edith Willcock by the 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 take time to

1. mail your donation in,
2. drop by the church and leave your offering in the new locked "tithing box" located on the second brick column under the portico.
3. sign up for electronic fund transfers,
4. 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)	Alana DeBellis & family
Jim Duval	Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's Dad)	Family of Celia Ganow
Cheryl Ann Elfond	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	Jeff Howard
Jane Horton	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Irina Erickson's Mom
Jim Hahne	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)	Gretchen Lainson
Everly Hogan	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's Dad)	Jim Harrenstein
Janet Schawang	Family of Georga Ochsner	Family of Ben Ore
Mike Hahne & family	Family of Erv Siemoneit	Family of Judy Brown

***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.***



**Welcome to the newest member of our FPC Family!** Ross and Melissa Struss officially joined the First Presbyterian Church family as members in February, but they have been participating in the life of the church for a year. Their firstborn, Jeremy Ryan Struss, was born 5/4/20. He weighed in at 8lbs even and was 21.5 inches. Mom and baby are both doing well! We are doing a **Meal Train** twice a week for a month to help keep them well fed as they adjust to being first time parents. <https://mealtrain.com/4lqmd2>

## *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.
- ♥ *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.
- ♥ *Vonda Hahne*, who passed away April 8, 2020. Vonda was the wife of Mike Hahne. Services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given to the family for a memorial to be established at a later date.
- ♥ *Erv Siemoneit*, who passed away May 3, 2020. Erv was the father of Sandy Siemoneit and Shirley Maul. Memorials may be given to Hastings Masonic Lodge #50.

### **This Week at FPC --- May 18 – May 24, 2020**

*Session has voted to suspend all in-person meetings through May 31 for the safety of our congregation and staff and 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 18</b>		<b>“Monday Check-in” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via email and social media
<b>Tues, May 19</b>	<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>6:45p-7:45p</b>	<b>Deacons Meet</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
<b>Wed, May 20</b>	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Summer Book Club</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
		<b>“Kid’s Corner” Communication</b> from Stephanie Brader Sent via email and social media
<b>Thurs, May 21</b>	<b>5:30p-7:00p</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
<b>Fri, May 22</b>		<b>“Friday Feature” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via email and social media
<b>Sun, May 24</b>	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>“Stay at Home” Worship Service</b>
<b>Mon, May 25</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>

**Please note: The May PW Circle meetings have been cancelled.**



## 2020 VBS

### First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, NE

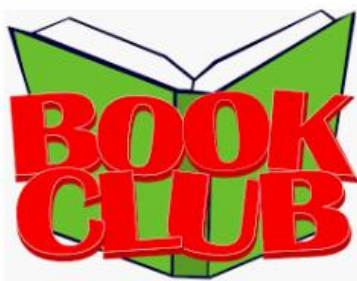
We are sorry to announce that due to the situation with COVID-19 and the safety of our people, the Session has decided to cancel VBS for this year. Although this was a tough decision, it is important to keep all of the kiddos and volunteers safe. We'll see you next year!



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).



**Beginning Wednesday, May 13th at noon,** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh will guide a discussion of the book *Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife* by Bart Ehrman.

Plans are to meet during the next 15 weeks, beginning with Zoom Conferencing and modifying interactions as physical distancing recommendations evolve.

Please feel free to obtain a copy of the book from your favorite vendor.

Contact Sharon Brooks, [sbbrooks52@gmail.com](mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com) for more information on how to join the online conversations.

#### **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 or long  
sleeved shirts for Proteus,  
but please save them for  
when we are!*



Sponsored by:  
First United Methodist Church  
First Presbyterian Church

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.

June 20, 2020		
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
A, B	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.

Kid's

CORNER



## 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/ZJeLoK5oPko>

Link to the activities:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zs-o\\_eNQUDQOMLEJbbiutX9qr9qiZbox?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zs-o_eNQUDQOMLEJbbiutX9qr9qiZbox?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,

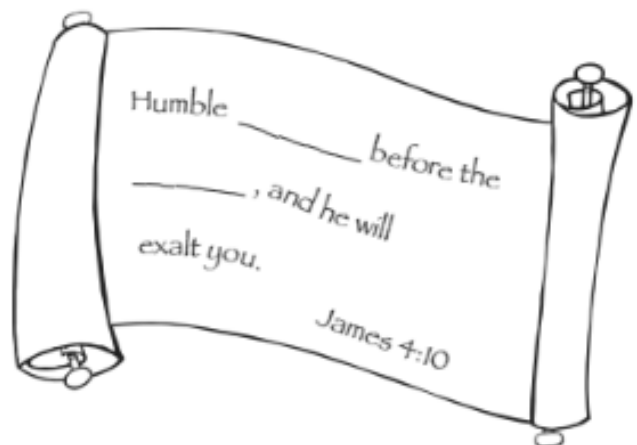
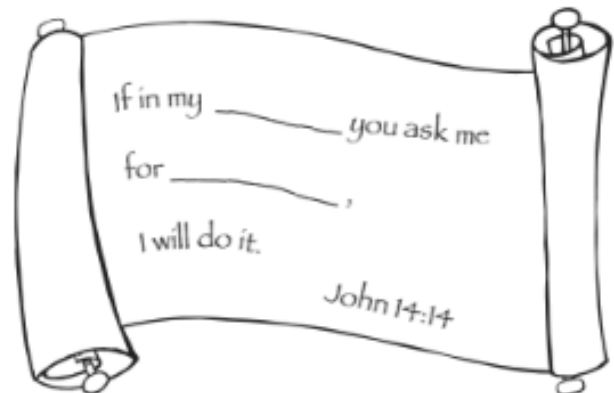
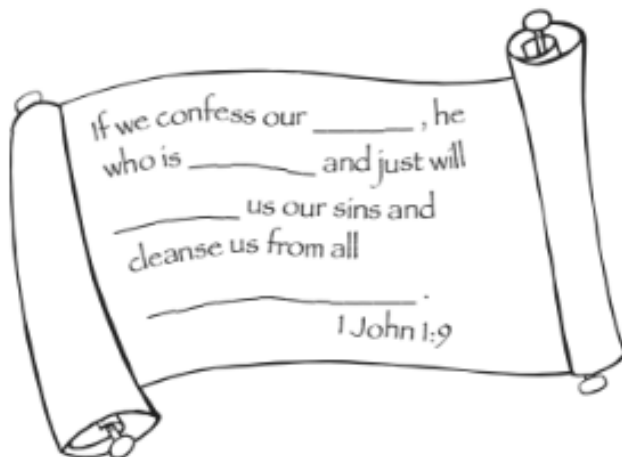
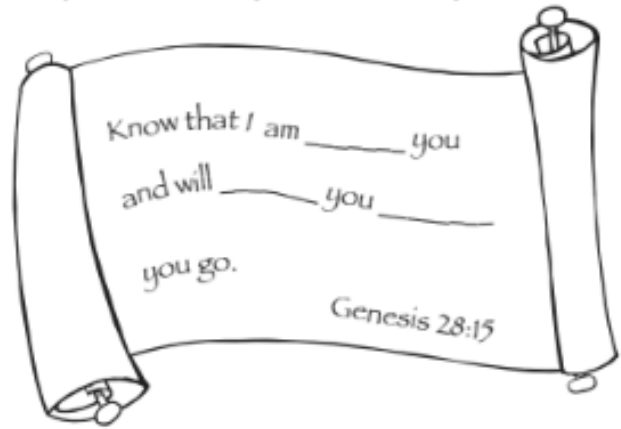
Stephanie Brader, Director of Education for Children & Youth

**Kid's Activity Pages can also be found on the following pages!**



# Promises, Promises

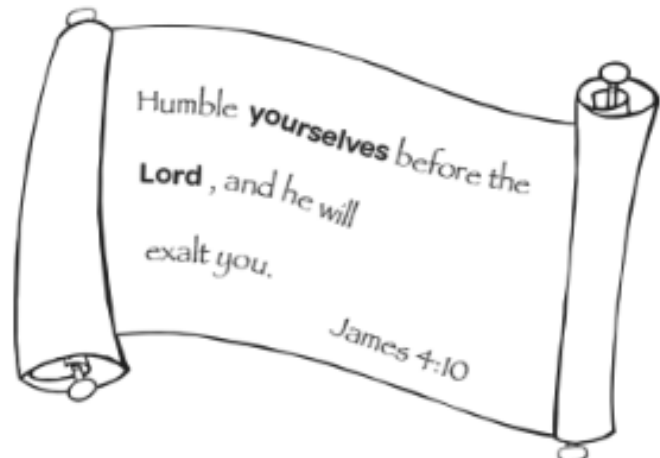
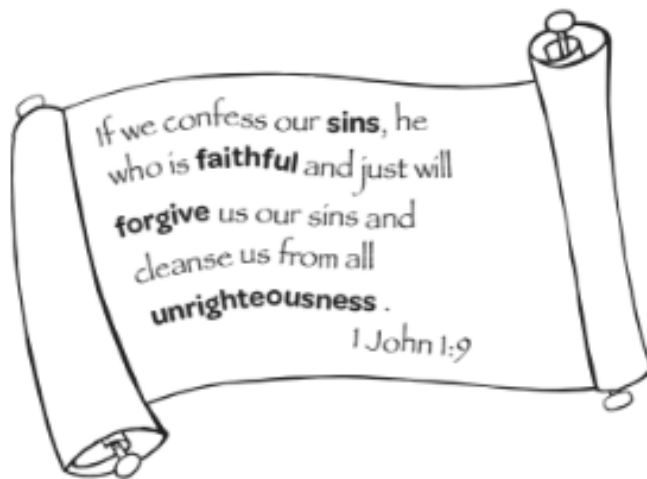
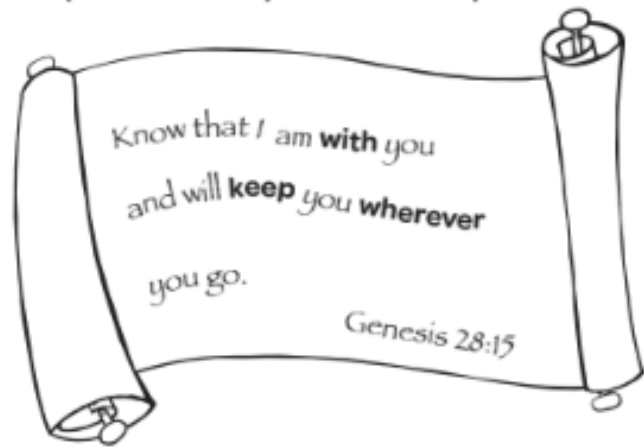
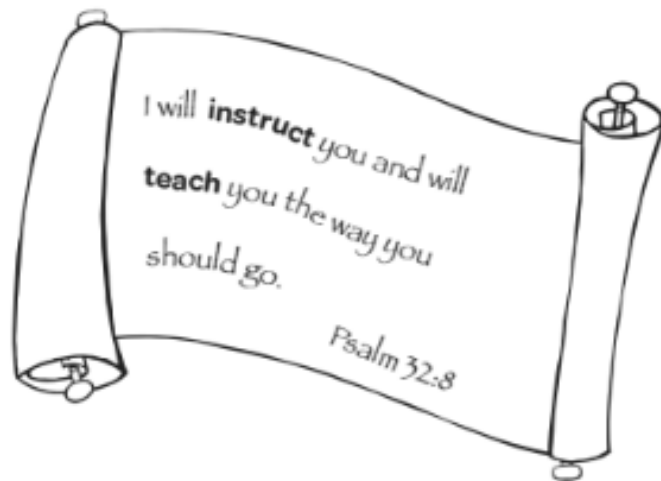
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# Promises, Promises Solution

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TRY IT!

# Three Truths

Jesus shared three important truths with his disciples:  
Love God, love others, and God loves you.



Find 8 groups of three hearts that match in this puzzle.



# Holy Spirit, Holy Message

Fill in the blanks from today's bible reading. If you need help, the verses from John 15:1-6 are found on page 1192 of your Spark Bible.



"I am the true \_\_\_\_\_ , and my \_\_\_\_\_ is the vine grower. He \_\_\_\_\_ every branch in me that bears no \_\_\_\_\_. Every \_\_\_\_\_ that bears fruit he \_\_\_\_\_ to make it bear more fruit. You have already been \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_ that I have spoken to you. \_\_\_\_\_ in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot \_\_\_\_\_ fruit by itself unless it \_\_\_\_\_ in the vine, neither can you \_\_\_\_\_ you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because \_\_\_\_\_ from me you can do \_\_\_\_\_."

Abide  
abides  
apart  
bear  
branch  
cleansed  
Father

fruit  
nothing  
prunes  
removes  
unless  
vine  
word



# Holy Spirit, Holy Message

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"I am the true VINE , and my FATHER is the vine grower. He REMOVES every branch in me that bears no FRUIT . Every BRANCH that bears fruit he PRUNES to make it bear more fruit. You have already been CLEANSED by the WORD that I have spoken to you. ABIDE in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot BEAR fruit by itself unless it ABIDES in the vine, neither can you UNLESS you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because APART from me you can do NOTHING ."

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# A Direct Line

Do you ever wish that you had a direct line to God's ear? With the Holy Spirit, we do! One of the phones below runs to the BIG phone at the top of the page. Trace the line to figure out which one goes up to God.



# The Promise of the Holy Spirit



The disciples knew that the Holy Spirit would help them  
because that was the promise Jesus made.

# Holy Help

Jesus had good news for the disciples. He told them he loved them and then gave them a promise for the future. Cross out all the Q and Z letters in this code to discover Jesus' message.

QTZZHQEZQHYZQOZLQQY  
QSZPQIRQZIZZTQWQZIZLQQL  
ZHQELZPQYQOQUZ

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Decorate and cut out the letters to the right. Carefully punch holes at the top and bottom of each letter. Tie the letters together and hang them up in your home. When the letters move, it will remind you of the presence of the Spirit.

