



# First Presbyterian Church Hastings



## Ascension Sunday May 24, 2020

### PRELUDE

“Fugue in G Major”

Josef Seeger

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

### WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 31)

Sara Babcock

Welcome! We are gathered here to celebrate God's promise and God's call on our lives!

***Our hearts are ready to receive this good news.***

Jesus asked all of his friends to be his witnesses, to live lives reflecting the love of God.

***We are numbered among these friends!***

Open your hearts today. Hear God's special word just for you!

***Lord, help us to be ready to receive your word and to be witnesses to your love! Come let us worship the God who loves us and calls us to love others!***

### \*HYMN

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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Hannah Jensen, Song Leader

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Patient God, it hasn't been easy for us to be disciples or witnesses to your love. We get caught in traps of anger, impatience, and fear. Our words and spirits become cynical and jaded. Yet, at all times, you are with us, guiding and guarding us. On this day in which we celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven, we are reminded that we are not being left without guidance. The promise of the Spirit is given, and in that promise, we have hope and courage to become true disciples. Forgive us when we forget that! We are called to be those who live the faith of hope and reconciliation, of courage and understanding. Lift us up when we have fallen, guide our hearts when we speak, for it is in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus, that we ask these things.***

### QUESTIONS AND SILENT CONFESSION

*How have I failed to respond to the call to be a witness to the love of God?*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Celebrate, dear friends!*

***God's Spirit will be coming to give us hope and courage, to be witnesses to God's love!***

*In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and loved! Let us love one another!*

***Alleluia! Amen.***

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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*Hannah Jensen, Song Leader*

## \*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

### TIME WITH CHILDREN

Greg Allen-Pickett

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Dear Lord, we celebrate that we are a community of people, each at a different point on our faith journeys, each loved by you and called to love one another. We are invited by you to witness to the good news of Jesus, who taught us about God's love. May your Holy Word speak to us this morning; may it inspire us to be witnesses of your love. Amen.***

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 1:15-23

### ANTHEM

"There you'll Find"

*Hannah Jensen*

*Hannah Jensen, soloist*

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 1:1-14

### MESSAGE

"Where Are We Looking?"

Sara Babcock

### HYMN

"We Are Called"

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*Hannah Jensen, Song Leader*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the 2006 "Song of Faith" from the United Church in Canada)

***We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world.***

***We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, loving what he loved, living what he taught, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place.***

***Our witness of the gospel makes us a part of this communion of saints, experiencing the fulfillment of God's reign even as we actively anticipate a new heaven and a new earth.***

***We sing of God's good news lived out, a church with purpose: faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all, members of a community held and inspired by God, corrected and comforted, instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ.***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"  
*Hannah Jensen, pianist*

*Arr. Michael T. Smith*

\*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
*Hannah Jensen, Song Leader*

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***With joy and confidence in your abiding love and presence with us, we present these gifts, tokens of our lives, as an offering to witness to your life in this world. Bless these gifts and bless our lives that we may be witnesses to the ends of the earth. 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 All Are One in Mission"  
*Hannah Jensen, Song Leader*

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\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*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

"Trumpet Tune"  
*Linda Vollweiler, organist*

*James D. Kimball*

*(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](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

## 260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor  
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

TEXT: William Chatterton Dix, 1866, alt.  
 MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

HYPERDOL  
 8.7.8.7.D


thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

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# 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.

# 749 Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain* G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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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

OLD HUNDREDTH  
LM

# 733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

TEXT: Rusty Edwards, 1985, alt.

MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904  
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**May 24, 2020**

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

**Flowers** are given in memory of

- ♥ Florence and George Root
- ♥ Kuehn McCollum 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.

Cale, Nobel, Zack Henderson

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke

Jim Duval

Cheryl Ann Elfond

Jane and Willis Horton

Jim Hahne

Everly Hogan

Janet Schawang

Mike Hahne & family

***FPC Prayers for:***

Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)

Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's Dad)

Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)

Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)

Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)

Tommy Thomsen

Family of Georga Ochsner

Family of Erv Siemoneit

Alana DeBellis & family

Family of Celia Ganow

Jeff Howard

Irina Erickson's Mom

Gretchen Lainson

Jim Harrenstein

Family of Ben Ore

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 25 – May 31, 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 25</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>“Monday Check-in” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via email and social media
<b>Tues, May 26</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>Wed, May 27</b>	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Summer Book Club</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
<b>Thurs, May 28</b>		
<b>Fri, May 29</b>		<b>“Friday Feature” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via email and social media
<b>Sun, May 31</b>	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>“Stay at Home” Worship Service</b> <b>Celebrate Pentecost Sunday</b> <b>with a Holy Spirit Parade</b> (see next article)



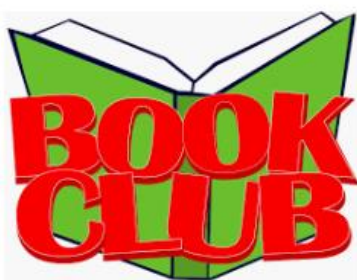
**May 31<sup>st</sup> is Pentecost Sunday, and we are going to celebrate in style!** We read in Acts 2, “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!”

**In honor of Pentecost, we will have a Holy Spirit Parade on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.** We invite you to come to the Church or PEACE Center parking lot by 10:20am. You will be given a bulletin, a map, and instructions. When the service begins at 10:30am, the cars will tune their radios to KICS 1550 AM, leave the parking lots and drive around town, following the map to pass by the houses of our homebound members. The procession will be led by two cars painted in flames, and we invite you to decorate your own cars with symbols of the Holy Spirit: flames or doves. The Holy Spirit will unite us as a family of faith, including our homebound members, as we joyfully celebrate Pentecost Sunday!



**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



*Even though the **Hands Around the World Store** is not open on a regular basis right now, you can always call the office to stop by and purchase more coffee or do some shopping by appointment.*

## 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.

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.

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

## **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