



June 14, 2020

PRELUDE

"Aria"

Donald Moore

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 116)

Damen Heitmann

We love the LORD because he has heard our voices and our supplications.

Because God has inclined his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall we return to the LORD for all his bounty to us?

I will honor, love, and serve the LORD in the presence of all his people.

O LORD, we are your servants;

We will offer to you praise, honor, glory, adoration, and service. Come, let us worship our loving God! Praise the LORD!

*HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have granted us freedom, but we don't embrace that freedom, or we use the freedom for our own self-interest. We know that peace comes through openness to our neighbors, but we make little effort to overcome the walls between us. Forgive us, O God, for our betrayal of your call. Let us embrace that we are fearfully and wonderfully made and recognize the same in others. Open our ears that we might hear your commandments and transform our hearts that we might be you covenant people, freed to be loved by you and free to authentically love one another.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus does not say that discipleship is easy.

He says that we are called to love and serve and that he will be with us.

That is truly good news.

Our love and service will be supported and encouraged by our Lord, who has healed and restored us.

Rejoice! In the name of Jesus, you have been forgiven, called, and made whole by the love of God.

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

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***PEACE OF CHRIST**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

“Be You!”

Stephanie Brader

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, open our hearts and minds and souls to hear your word as if for the first time. May your Holy Spirit help us experience anew the surprise and joy that your presence in the Word can bring us. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 139:13-14

ANTHEM

“Home on the Range”

Farber

Meredith Oliver, piano

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

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Galatians 5:13-14, 22-23

MESSAGE

“God has made you and freed you to BE YOU!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

HYMN

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Based on Luke 21, written by Rev. Bruce Prewer)

When nation rises against nation and kingdom against kingdom, the end is not violence:

***for there is a God of resilient, redeeming love,
and the Brighter Purpose is at work in the shadows,
and the darkness cannot smother it.***

Lord, we believe; strengthen our timid faith.

When there are earthquakes, famines, and pandemics, the end is not chaos:

***God the Creator of the heavens and the earth has not forsaken us,
and the harmony will again break out and gather
to hasten towards consummation.***

Lord, we believe; strengthen our timid faith.

When believers are arrested, abused, unjustly dragged before powers and principalities, or even killed, the end is not injustice:

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***the Holy Spirit is always with us in all our trials and travail,
and words will be given to confound our adversaries.
Lord, we believe; strengthen our timid faith.***

***The crucified and risen Christ will reconcile all things seen and unseen.
And Christ calls us to be agents of reconciliation in the world. Lord, we believe.***

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" *J.S. Bach*

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606
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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***As we offer our treasure and hearts to you, O God, may they be used to
pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of community to all in need
of your gifts and presence in their lives. 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 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak" 722
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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 "Marche de Fête" *Henri Busser/arr. Dale Wood*
Linda Vollweiler, organist
(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 June 30th)


Broadcast live

10:30 a.m. on Facebook at 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


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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less




earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our




thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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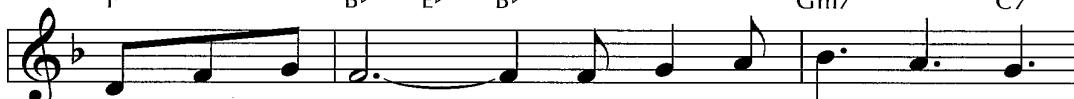
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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



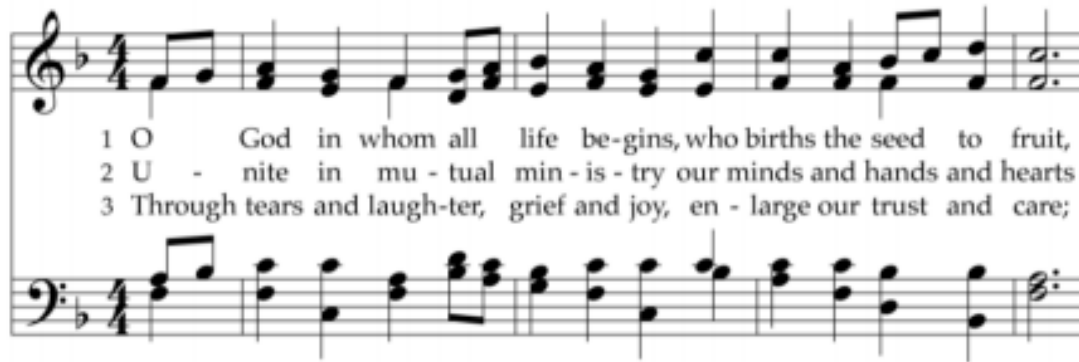
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

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

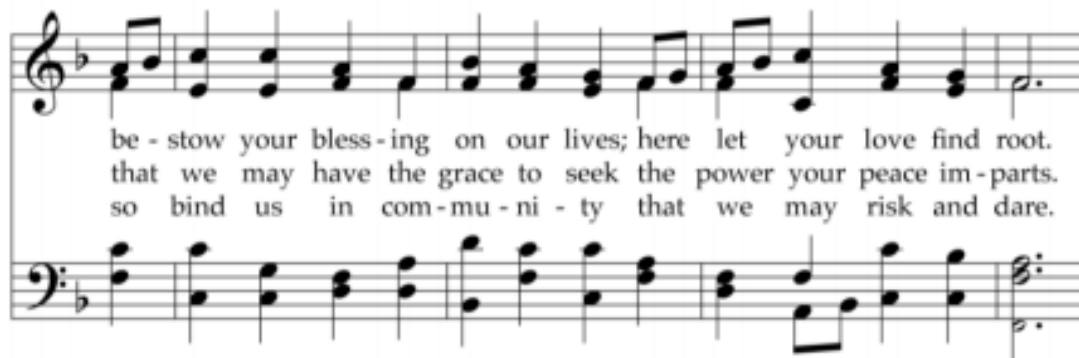


As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

O God in Whom All Life Begins 308



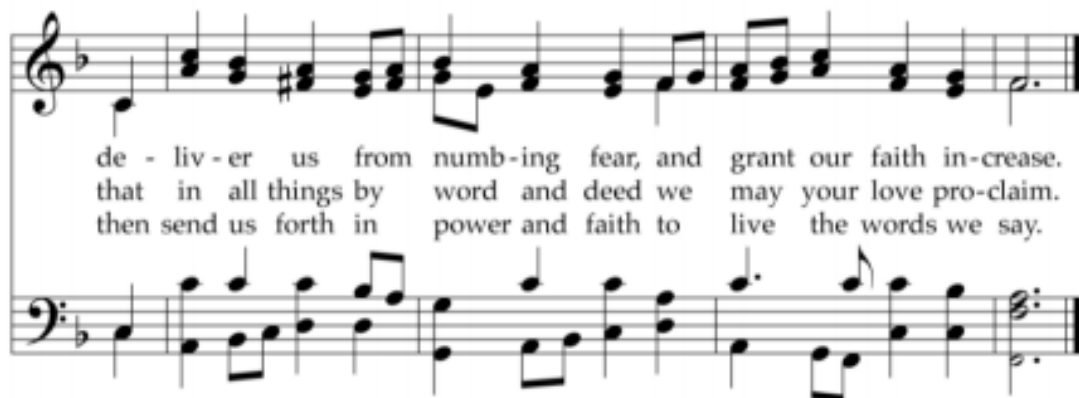
1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
 3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshiping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

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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"

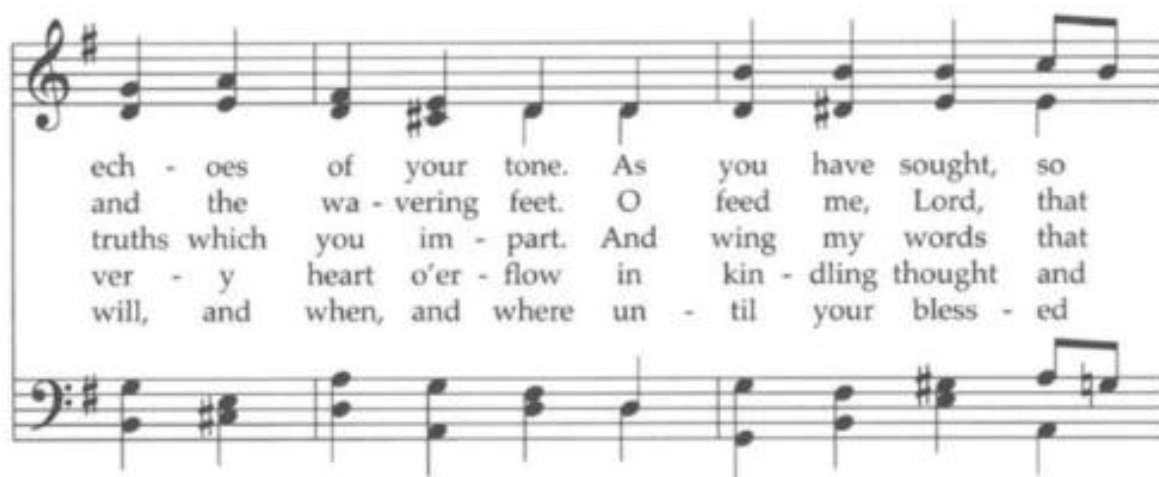
TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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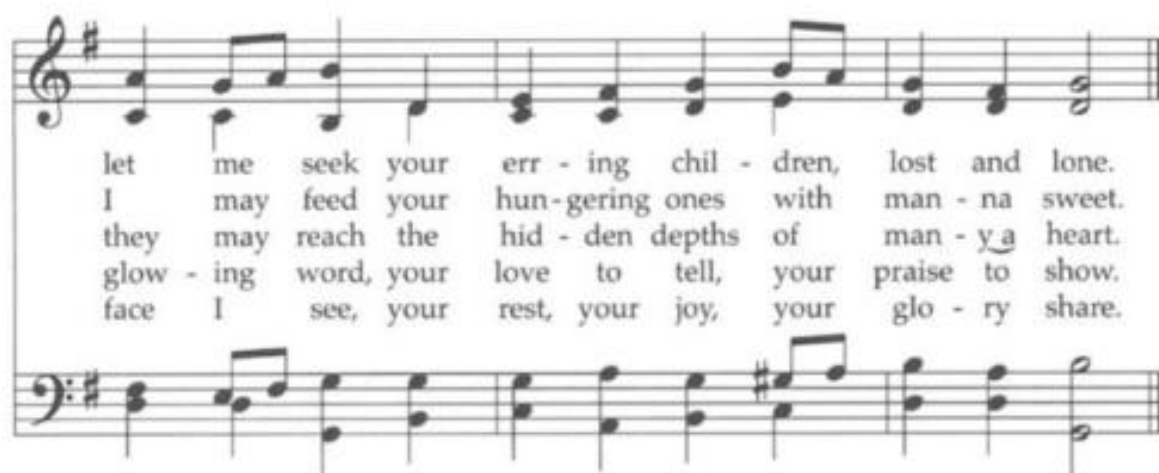
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

June 14, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Mildred and Victor Lutkemeier by the Lutkemeier family.

Flowers are given in memory of Dr. Bob Howard by his family.

Today's service will be broadcast

- live on Facebook at 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.



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.

Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke

FPC Prayers for:

Alana DeBellis & Family

Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)

Family of Burman Eddleman

Jim Duval

Cale, Nobel, Zack Henderson

Gretchen Lainson

Cheryl Ann Elfond

Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)

Tommy Thomsen

Irina Erickson's Mom

Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)

Mike Hahne & family

Jim Hahne

Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)

Family of Judy Brown

Jim Harrenstein

Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)

Family of Celia Ganow

Everly Hogan

Family of Erv Siemoneit

Family of Jane Horton

Jeff Howard

Family of Georga Ochsner

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.



The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 7, 2020**, 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.

In Memory of

- ♥ *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.
- ♥ *Mary Jane Horton*, who passed away May 22, 2020 at her home. Graveside services were held May 27, 2020 at Parkview Cemetery with Pastor Greg officiating. Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church.
- ♥ *Burman Eddleman*, who passed away June 5, 2020. Burman was the father of Tony Eddleman. Private family services will be held at a later date.

This Week at FPC --- June 15 – June 21, 2020

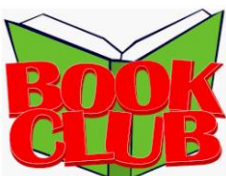
Session has voted to suspend all in-person meetings through June 30 for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. All boards and committees will continue to meet via conference call to be coordinated by the church staff representative.

Mon, Jun 15		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via website, email and social media
Tues, June 16	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing Deacons via ZOOM Conferencing Summer Book Club via ZOOM Conferencing Session via ZOOM Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	
	6:45p-7:45p	
Wed, June 17	12:00p-1:00p	“Friday Feature” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via website, email and social media
Thurs, June 18	5:30p-7:00p	
Fri, June 19		
Sat, June 20	9:00a-2:00p	United Harvest
Sun, June 21	10:30a	“Stay at Home” Worship Service



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.

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, via Zoom Conferencing. Pick up a copy of the book from your favorite vendor. Contact Sharon Brooks, sbbrooks52@gmail.com, for more information on how to join the online conversations.





RELAY FOR LIFE, 25th year! Virtual Events June through August Join the FPC Virtual Team

The *SILENT AUCTION* for a Relay for Life fund raiser will be virtual this year. Our First Presbyterian Church team will participate by donating a basket and items from our Hands Around the World store. (Thank you to those of our team who donated toward these items.)

Pictures of items donated from all teams will be posted on a link to access the silent auction where people can place their bids June 15-19. The link will be available closer to the event. Check Facebook or relayforlife.org Adams Co.

YOU CAN *PURCHASE LUMINARIES* (\$10) or *DEDICATE A SONG* (\$20) now through August. These luminaries will be on the virtual ceremony video. To purchase, go to relayforlife.org/adamscone. Scroll down to Event Announcements. It is the 2nd option down. By clicking the purple text, you will find the page where you can purchase the virtual luminaries or the song dedication.

T-SHIRTS are available. 25th Anniversary Commemorative Limited Addition T-shirts are available for \$20 this year through this link <https://shopstf.com/products/relay>. A good portion of the sale goes back to the relay event and credit to your team's goal. It might be possible of having a modified in-person event in August if the COVID-19 situation allows. If you have questions or need help, check Facebook, on line: relayforlife.org Adams Co. or call Susie Graham, team leader, 402-469-2638. **CANCER WON'T STOP, AND NEITHER WILL WE. YOUR DONATIONS WILL TRULY SAVE LIVES.**



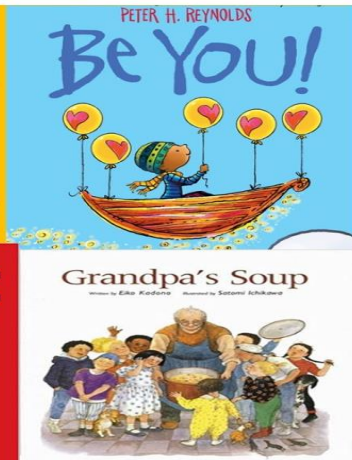
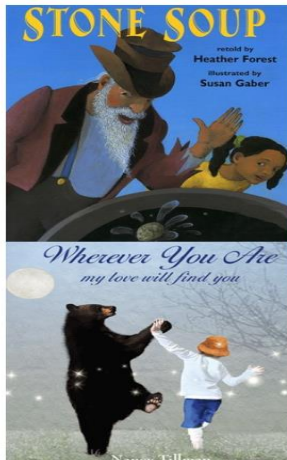
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First United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church

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.





The **PW Father's Day** Offering this year will go to *The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World*. Please send your checks to the church made out to Presbyterian Women.

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

The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World helps to support teams that go to Guatemala to install waters systems and provides ongoing support to those systems through local in-country staff. Pastor Greg has served on the US board of Living Waters for the World for the past six years. He also serves on the Guatemala Board of Living Waters for the World.

***Gilead* Gleanings: A First Pres Summer Reading Project**

Gilead Gleanings
FIRST PRES SUMMER READING

Join Pastors Greg and Damen as they read their way through the novel *Gilead* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson

Podcast Discussions
June 26
July 10
July 24

Zoom Chats
July 2
July 16
July 30

Written as a letter from a father to a son, *Gilead* recounts the memories of Congregationalist minister John Ames. The novel contains insights into faith and the human condition.

What are you doing this summer? Why not join pastors Greg and Damen (as well as a few other notable guests) as they read through *Gilead* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson?

Set in Gilead, Iowa, the novel takes the form of a letter written from a Congregationalist minister to his son. The touching book reveals much about the human condition and the heart of faith. It is sure to tell us as much about ourselves as the characters it contains.

In addition to securing a copy of the book and reading along, folks can join in the fun by listening to three podcast conversations which will be released on June 26, July 10, and 24. In those podcasts, the pastors and guests will discuss the book and how they find it relating to the world around them. There will also be open conversations (hosted via ZOOM), which readers and join and discuss. Those open conversations will take place July 2, 16, and 30.

There will be a few copies of the book available in the church office, though we sadly cannot buy a copy for everyone. Be

on the lookout for more information and track down your reading glasses now!

**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!*

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

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