

Third Sunday After Pentecost June 21, 2020



PRELUDE

"The Gift of Love"

Hopson/Carter

Linda Vollweiler, piano

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 133)

Damen Heitmann

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred spirits come together in unity to worship God!

It is like precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

On the long hair and beard of Moses' brother, Aaron,

Or the shaggy hair and COVID-19 beard of Pastor Damen.

It is good and pleasant like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For when the family of faith gathers, the Lord ordains his blessing: life forevermore! Come, let us worship the God of life, laughter, and love!

OPENING SONG

"For Virginia"

Peter Lainson

Peter Lainson, guitar

(Due to COVID-19 and the threat of disease transmission through aerosolized particles that are expelled during singing, we will not be singing out loud during our service. You are invited to let the special music help you worship and know God this morning.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our lives, you search us and know us. In your Holy Word, you have told us that to follow you, we have to take up the cross. Yet we have refused to take up your cross, to bear the burdens that are ours to carry.

We have not given up our attachments to possessions or to self.

We have not counted the cost of walking into an unknown future with you. We have run from you over and over again, trying to escape your steadfast presence and love for us. Help us turn away from evil, that we may walk with you once more. In Christ's Name, we pray.

QUESTIONS AND SILENT CONFESSION

*When have I tried to escape God's presence?
When have I wished God wasn't with me?*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The Holy One rejoices in our repentance,
Reshaping us into vessels of love and service.
In the grace-filled love of Christ, we are forgiven and loved!
Alleluia! Amen.*

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*PEACE OF CHRIST

*The Peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!*

(In order to reduce the risk of disease transmission, please do not shake hands or hug people outside of your immediate family. Instead, maintain proper social distance, look someone in the eyes and hold their gaze. Then share peace with them by holding your hand to your chest and bowing your head to them, or share some other appropriate sign)

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Shaper of hearts and minds, as Jeremiah came to know you in the work of the potter's hands, teach us your ways in the reading of your word. Lead us into a deeper understanding of your ways, that we may know and do your will. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 8:35-39

ANTHEM

"Fairest Jesu"
Mary Plock, piano

arr. Benjamin Harlan

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 139:1-12

MESSAGE

"Wherever we are, God's love will find us!"

Greg Allen-Pickett

SONG

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"
Byron Jensen, guitar; and Hannah Jensen, piano

*I was there to hear your borning cry: I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on.
You were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.*

***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 living 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

(For the health and safety of our members, we will not pass a plate or collect gifts during the offering. You are invited to give by dropping your offering at the church, mailing it in, or giving on-line: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>)

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision"
Mary Plock, piano

arr. Mary McDonald

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

With these gifts, we lay down all that we have and all that we are and take up the cross with Jesus. 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.

CLOSING SONG

"I Am"
Mary Plock and Catlin Kalvelage

Nicole Nordeman

*Pencil marks on a wall, I wasn't always this tall. You scattered some monsters from beneath my bed
You watched my team win, You watched my team lose
You watched when my bicycle went down again, And when I was weak, unable to speak
Still I could call You by name. And I said, Elbow Healer, Super Hero
Come if you can. You said, I Am.*

*Only sixteen, life is so mean, What kind of curfew is at 10 p.m.?
You saw my mistakes. And watched my heart break
Heard when I swore I'd never love again. And when I was weak, unable to speak
Still I could call You by name And I said, Heartache Healer, Secret Keeper
Be my best friend And you said, I Am.*

*You saw me wear white by pale candlelight. I said forever to what lies ahead
Two kids and a dream, with kids that can scream. Too much it might seem when it is two a.m.*

*And when I am weak, unable to speak, Still I will call You by name
Shepherd, Savior, Pasture Maker, Hold onto my hand. You say, I Am
The winds of change and circumstance blow in and all around us
So we find a foothold that's familiar, And bless the moments that we feel you nearer
When life had begun, I was woven and spun You let the angels dance around the throne
And who can say when, but they'll dance again. When I am free and finally headed home
I will be weak, unable to speak. Still I will call You by name
Creator, Maker, Life Sustainer, Comforter, Healer, My Redeemer
Lord and King, Beginning and the End
I Am, Yes, I Am*

***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**

"Thy Word"

Smith/Carter

Linda Vollweiler, 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 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

***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

June 21, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Frank W. Northrop for his birthday by the Northrop family.

Flowers are given in memory of John Sheppard by Becky and Mike Meyer.

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 Georga Ochsner

Family of Jane Horton

Jeff Howard

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

- ♥ *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 21 – June 28, 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 22

“Monday Check-in” Communication

from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen

Sent via website, email and social media

Tues, June 23 ~~10:30a-11:30a~~
12:00p-1:00p

NO Staff Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing

Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing

Summer Book Club via ZOOM Conferencing

Wed, June 24 12:00p-1:00p

Thurs June 25 5:30p-7:00p

Fri, June 26

“Friday Feature” Communication

from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen

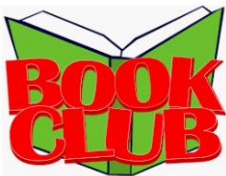
Sent via website, email and social media

Sat, June 27

Sun, June 28 10:30a

“Stay at Home” Worship Service

Beginning Wednesday, May 13th at noon, Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh has been guiding 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.



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!*

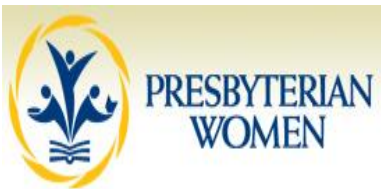


RELAY FOR LIFE, 25th year! Virtual Events June through August Join the FPC Virtual Team The *SILENT AUCTION* for a Relay for Life fund raiser will be virtual this year. Our First Presbyterian Church team will participate by donating a basket and items from our Hands Around the World store. (Thank you 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. Check Facebook or relayforlife.org Adams Co.

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.



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.



Third Saturday of the Month
Annex Building
Lincoln and 7th St. Hastings

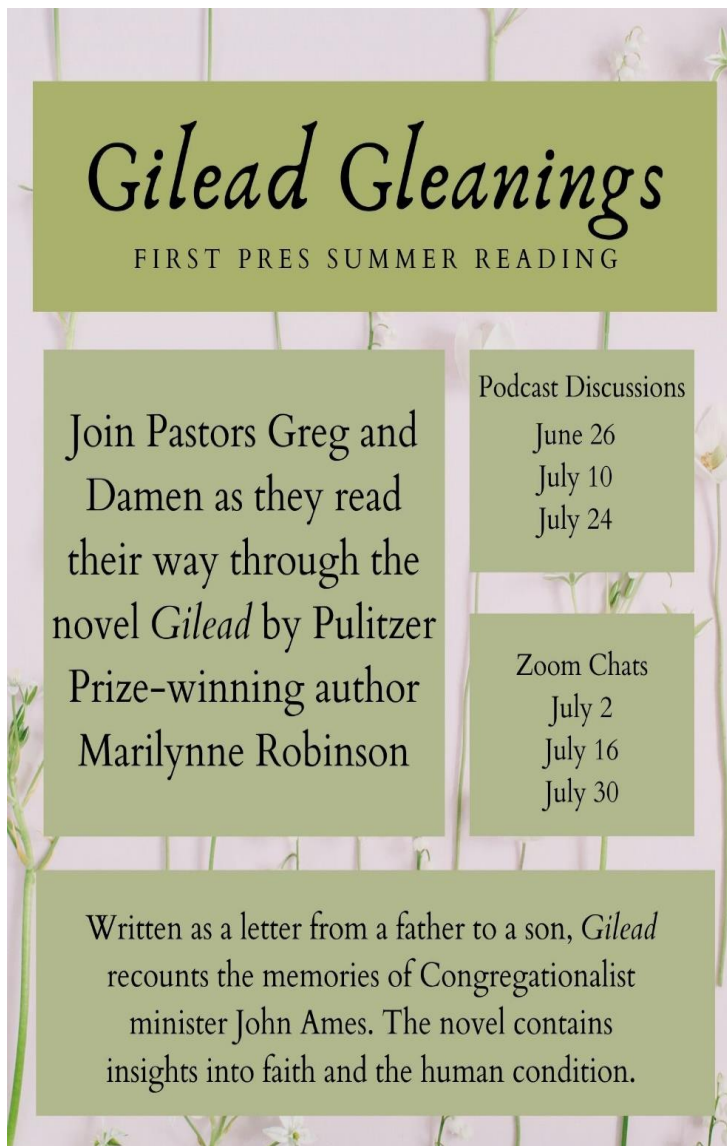
Sponsored by:
First United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church

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.

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), during which readers can 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!



MOVIE: "Just Mercy"
Available to watch for free in June on:
YouTube, iTunes,
Amazon Prime Video
& Google Play

Watch the movie and then stay tuned for church based discussion groups.