



June 28, 2020

PRELUDE

“The Church’s One Foundation”

arr. John Innes

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Damen Heitmann

OPENING QUESTION

When have you felt emboldened?

INTROIT

“Abide with Me”

arr. Audrey Assad/Tom Michalek

Sarah Wolf, soloist; Linda Vollweiler, piano

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We all, given the chance, make little nests for ourselves.

We create spaces of comfort and groups of familiarity.

And in these little spots, we hope to feel secure, and we hope to encounter God.

And indeed we do. And we also know that God rarely asks disciples to hold still. Seldom does God ask prophets to stay just where they are.

God calls those who would follow to do just that: to follow.

To grow and change and shift and move and become something more than they currently are.

In this hour, may we encounter the God who calls us to put out into the deep waters of the world.

May we be strengthened and encouraged to move into the spaces where others fear to tread.

*OPENING HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

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Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we substitute routine and safety for faith. We create for ourselves habits of ease and comfort. We get so used to our well-worn routines and patterns of thought that we start to get scared of new ideas and other perspectives. Even the sound of your voice, which calls us to act in faith, begins to get hushed. Grant us, O God, the courage to embark on bold new adventures in love and kindness. Help us to venture into the unknown and deep waters, knowing that your love will sustain us.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation: What “deep water” is God asking you to explore?

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"

Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

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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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 23

ANTHEM

"Chanson" from *Suite Antique*

Sarah Wolf, flute; Linda Vollweiler, piano

John Rutter

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 5:1-11

MESSAGE

"Deep Water"

Damen Heitmann

Featuring *Scaredy Squirrel* by Mélanie Watt,
Published by Kids Can Press

*HYMN

"I Will Come to You"

Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day, he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"O Jesus, Grant Us Hope and Comfort"

J. W. Franck

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

That which we give, we dedicate to your work. But giving does not always come easily. Help us, O God, through the week ahead, to move beyond the risk of giving. Let us overcome vulnerability to open our hearts. Let us move past fear to engage in meaningful conversation. Help us to envision and enact the many ways we can be a blessing for others.

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

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" (2x)
Sarah Wolf, Song Leader

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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

"Allegro"

John Stanley

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 July 31st)

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

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Ministries: Stephanie Brader

Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler

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Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,
 is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;
 What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Glory Be to the Father

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Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics, and the bass staff contains a piano accompaniment of chords.

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are 'Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -'.

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

The third system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are 'gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,'.

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

The fourth system concludes the piece with the lyrics 'world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The music ends with a double bar line.

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



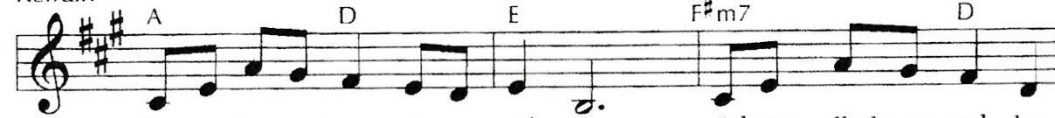
You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light. I
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



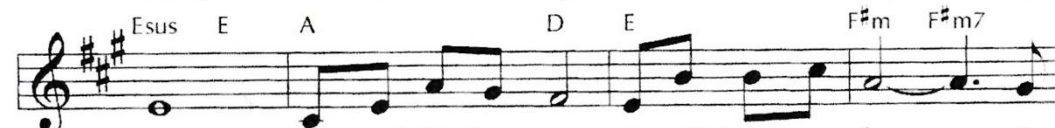
still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain

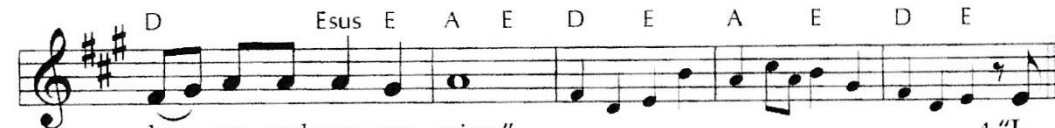
All



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." 4 "I

Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures

here below; praise *him above, ye heavenly host; praise

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

*Or "God"

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

OLD HUNDRETH

747 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios

Em B Em B Em



The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá pa -

Am B7 Em



make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.

Am D G C



The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar un

Am B7 Em



do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor; me

Am D G C



falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad. A -

Am B7 Em



us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.
yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.

This text by a Cuban Pentecostal pastor is plural here in English and singular in the original Spanish version; singing both languages helps to show how the call to action in the world is both corporate and individual. The minor tune suggests the resolve needed to do God's work.

June 28, 2020

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

Flowers are given in loving memory of Frank W. Northrop by the Northrop 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.

FPC Prayers for

Alana DeBellis & Family	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	
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)	Jeff Howard
Jim Harrenstein	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	
Everly Hogan	Jim & Mary Jeanne Cooke	

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

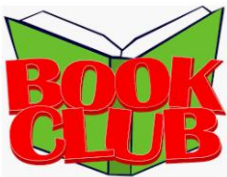
www.redcrossblood.org.

This Week at FPC --- June 29 – July 5, 2020

Session has voted to suspend all in-person meetings through July 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.

Mon, Jun 29		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via website, email and social media
Tues, June 30	8:30a-4:30p 12:00p-1:00p	All Staff Off-Site Retreat NO Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing Summer Book Club via ZOOM Conferencing
Wed, July 1	12:00p-1:00p	Christian Ed via ZOOM Conferencing
Thurs July 2	5:30p-6:30p	INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
Fri, July 3	OFFICE CLOSED	“Friday Feature” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via website, email and social media
Sat, July 4		Independence Day
Sun, July 5	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!

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.

Children's Books Summer Sermon Series!
June 7 – July 12, 2020
First Presbyterian Church of Hastings



What's Up With Open Table

For the past 16 years, this is the time of year when we share information and ask for workers and donations for The Open Table Sack Lunch Program. For any new members, our church has a long history of making sack lunches for the Open Table after church services during the month of July. Typically between four to five thousand sack lunches are prepared in the course of the month. The Open Table Sack

Lunch Program is a community program set up to provide one sack lunch per person per day, no questions asked. Various groups prepare the lunches which are distributed at Catholic Social Services during the week.

We are still going to make and provide sack lunches during the month of July; however, it will be a different format due to Covid 19 restrictions. Instead of our usual large assemblies after church services, we will be preparing sacks and sandwiches in different ways on different days.

The Stay and Serve youth will start the ball rolling the week of July 12th. They will be making the turkey and ham sandwiches for the month. The sandwiches will be stored at Catholic Social Services to be added to the sacks as they are distributed. During the next two weeks, we will be scheduling groups of less than 15 to fill sacks in Fellowship Hall during one hour blocks at various times of the day while following appropriate protocol for distancing and wearing masks.

Sign up times to fill sacks during the weeks of July 19th to July 31st will be published in the next newsletter or through other communications. We encourage family groups to sign up together when possible, but individuals are welcomed as well.

We hope to make sandwiches and fill sacks with the same joyful spirit in spite of restrictions.

Thank you for all you do to support this ongoing mission. Jeni Howard and Meg Stewart-Magee on behalf of the mission committee.



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 faces of change. The institutions providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

July 18, 2020		
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
C, D, E	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.



RELAY FOR LIFE, 25th year! UPDATE Virtual Events June through August

Relay for Life has been a way for our church family to remember loved ones we have lost to cancer and to honor those who have survived, while at the same time supporting the American Cancer Society. It looks a bit different this year due to the pandemic.

Our First Presbyterian Church team has participated in the virtual silent auction. Items from Hands Around the World store and from Nancy's Patio Beauty Salon were donated, and bidding was finalized over the weekend.

YOU CAN STILL PURCHASE LUMINARIES (\$10) now through August at relayforlife.org/adamscone

It might be possible to have 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

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!