



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost July 5, 2020

PRELUDE

“Prayer”

Alexandre Guilmant

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Damen Heitmann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome this day to a time of Sabbath rest.

We come, bearing burdens and grief.

Place your lives in the loving hands of God. Bring your cares to the Lord, for God will surely offer healing balm for you.

May God heal our spirits and strengthen us.

Trust in God who is always with you.

Lord, this day we come to you in faith and trust for your healing mercies.

Come let us worship our God who walks with us in our grief and heals us!

*OPENING HYMN

“Come Sing to God”

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Sue Medsker-Nedderman & Hannah Hafer, Song Leaders

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wise and loving God, you know how we are. We have spent so much time getting ready for the summer months, planning when and how we shall relax and gain some peace in our lives, and it has all been thrown into chaos. We let our fear and grief drive us and keep us from resting in you and your love. Our need for rest is so important, but we have let the chaos of the world crowd in, shouting its demands for our energy. Forgive us, Lord, when we have focused so much time on these things and have not sought your healing, restoring love. Be with us in this strange in-between time we are living in. Grant us peace.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation: How have I let chaos, fear, or grief control me?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come to the Lord, all of you!

There is healing and rest in the Lord.

You are given love, peace, and forgiveness by God for all of your days.

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

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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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, prepare us to discover your word for us today. May your Word bring us peace, joy, and hope in the midst of chaos and grief. May your Word help us recognize your steadfast presence with us in the many fields of life through which we travel. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 (CEB)

ANTHEM “Better than a Hallelujah” Amy Grant
Hannah Hafer

(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 – Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

MESSAGE “Good Grief: ‘Grandpa’s Soup’ & Psalm 30” Greg Allen-Pickett
“Grandpa’s Soup” Written by Eiko Kadono; Illustrated by Satomi Ichikawa; Published by Erdmans Books for Young Readers

*HYMN “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” 761

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Be Thou With Me” J.S. Bach/arr Wolff

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, bless these gifts that they may be used for ministries of compassion. Be present in our offerings this day— offerings of our lives and possessions freely given. May we be found faithful with the many gifts you have given us. Amen

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

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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 "Bouree" *G.F. Handel*

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
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Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
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Accompanists: Mary Plock and Alice Throckmorton
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

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Come Sing to God

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(Psalm 30)

1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.
 2 In my suc-cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.
 3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?
 4 You change my grief to joy-filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.

God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.
 I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.
 My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.
 In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.

Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,
 But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.
 Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.
 And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.

yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
 I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
 Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
 You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

TEXT: Fred R. Anderson, 1986

MUSIC: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868

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ELLACOMBE
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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, ♪ with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, ♪ 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, ♪ 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.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-t-erns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

606 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
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There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul. *Fine*

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

to Refrain

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."

July 5, 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 Raymond A. and Ruth Watson by the 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

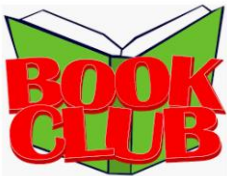
www.redcrossblood.org.

This Week at FPC --- July 6 – July12, 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, July 6		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via website, email and social media
Tues, July 7	10:30 a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p Noon-6:00p 5:30p-6:30p 5:30p-6:30p	NO-Staff Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing NO Bible Study via ZOOM Conferencing Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall WAM Meeting via ZOOM Conferencing United Harvest Board via ZOOM Conferencing
Wed, July 8	12:00p-1:00p	Summer Book Club via ZOOM Conferencing
Thurs July 9	4:30p-5:30p 5:00p-6:00p	Global Mission via ZOOM Conferencing Personnel via ZOOM Conferencing
Fri, July 10		“Friday Feature” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via website, email and social media
Sat, July 11		Go & Serve begins
Sun, July 12	10:30a	“Stay at Home” Worship Service

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.



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.

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



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.



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.

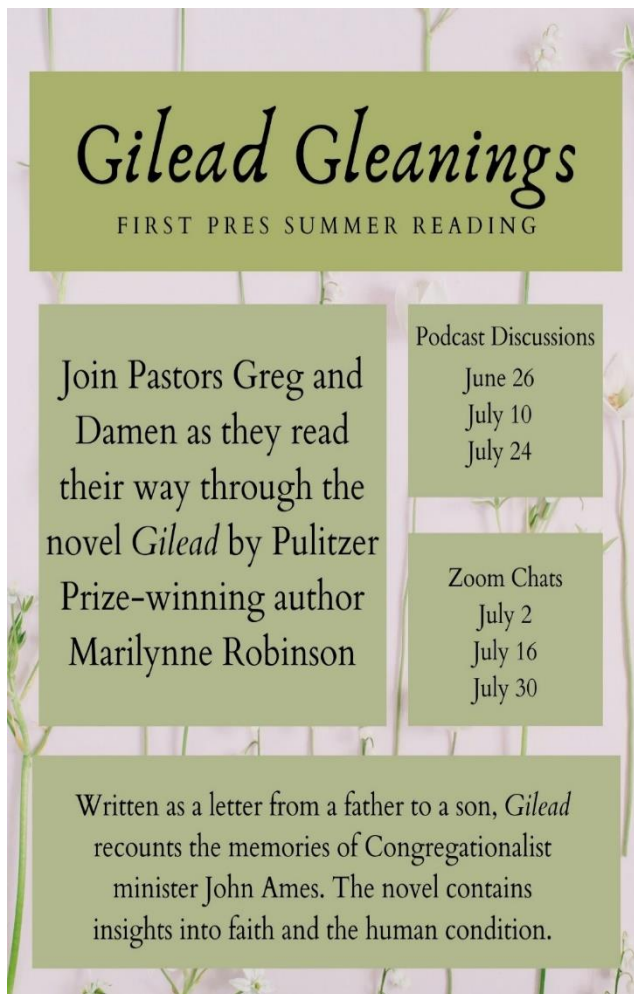
Our First Presbyterian Church team has participated in the virtual silent auction. Items from Hands Around the World store and from Nancy's Patio Beauty Salon were donated, and bidding was finalized over the weekend.

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

A promotional graphic for the 'Gilead Gleanings' project. It features a background of green leaves and stems. The title 'Gilead Gleanings' is written in a large, elegant serif font, with 'FIRST PRES SUMMER READING' in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. The graphic is divided into several sections by light green rectangular boxes. One box contains the text: 'Join Pastors Greg and Damen as they read their way through the novel Gilead by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson'. Another box lists 'Podcast Discussions' with dates: 'June 26', 'July 10', and 'July 24'. A third box lists 'Zoom Chats' with dates: 'July 2', 'July 16', and 'July 30'. A fourth box at the bottom contains a paragraph: '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. Here's the link to the first podcast: <https://bit.ly/gileadg>

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. Here are the links to the Gilead Gleanings things.

Soundcloud

<https://soundcloud.com/damen-heitmann/062520-gilead-gleanings-a-summer-read>

Youtube: <https://youtu.be/-egyU233vo>

Anti-Racism Conversation Groups

Join your First Presbyterian Church Family in conversation about anti-racism and how our faith calls us to educate ourselves and work to dismantle racism in our society.

We started in June by encouraging the whole church to watch the movie *Just Mercy* that was available for free streaming for the month of June. We hosted a discussion group about this movie on July 1.

For the month of July we invite you to read the book *The Hate U Give* and join us for discussion groups starting the week of July 13. For more information or to sign up for a discussion group, please email the church office at fpc@fpchastings.org or call 402-462-5147

