

PRELUDE

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Hayes/Wagner

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Damen Heitmann

OPENING QUESTION

*What confines have you left behind?*

INTROIT

“I Come with Joy”

arr. Lovelace/Text by Wren

Robin & Ann Koozer; Linda Vollweiler, organist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

*Somewhere out there, I've been told, are fields and gardens.*

***And in them tomatoes are plumping, raspberries are waiting to be picked, and ears are taking their shape.***

*They've left behind the confines of their seeds. They've stretched and morphed and become something else.*

***This, too, is God's call to us: to become a new creation.***

*To adapt. To change. To grow.*

***In the hour at hand, may we be refreshed and renewed.***

*May we be remade in the image of God.*

\*OPENING HYMN

“There Is Now a New Creation”

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Robin & Ann Koozer, Song Leaders

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***We confess, O God, that we mistake cozy with confining. We shrink from challenge. We shy away from the hard work of the heart. We recognize, quickly and easily, the need for others to change. We recognize less readily the need to shift our own patterns of thought and action. Grant us, O God, the courage to seek out new pathways of love and forgiveness. Help us heed your calling to become ever more fully creatures of your will.***

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

*How is God calling you to reshape your life?*

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”      581

\*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

***As your word is read and proclaimed, let us perceive it beyond hearing,  
understand it beyond knowing, and cherish it beyond loving. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Genesis 7:17-24, 8:20-22

ANTHEM      “Amazing Grace (My chains Are Gone)”      Phillip Keveren  
Grace Brader, 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.)*

2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

CHILDREN’S LITERATURE      “Perfect Square”      Stephanie Brader  
*Perfect Square* written by Michael Hall; Published by Greenwillow Books

MESSAGE      “Moving On”      Damen Heitmann

\*HYMN      “In the Midst of New Dimensions”      315

### \*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      “All Things Bright and Beautiful”      arr. Jerry Van Der Pol

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

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***We dedicate these gifts to your work, O God. May they be used bring aid to suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. 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, Make Us More Holy”

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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

“Finale”

*Telemann/arr.Wolff*

*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 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Broadcast live**

10:30 a.m. on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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

# 774 There Is Now a New Creation



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,  
 2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:  
 3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.  
 4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;  
 5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.  
 now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.  
 All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.  
 Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.  
 Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!



At the center of this text stands a reference to the well-known parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), and the fourth stanza forms an effective bridge between that gospel story and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The first and last stanzas draw on 2 Corinthians 5:17.

## Glory Be to the Father

581

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 has a vocal line with lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a vocal line with lyrics 'Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a vocal line with lyrics 'gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,'. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

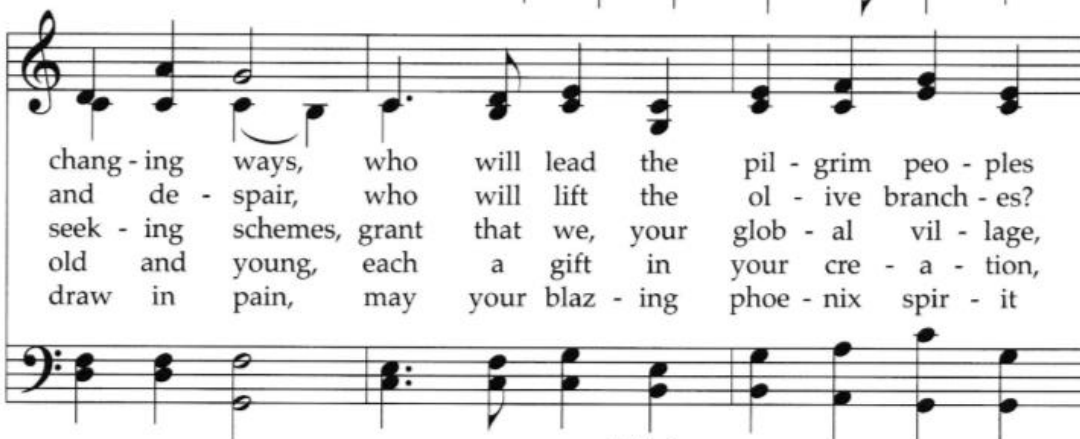
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a vocal line with lyrics 'world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The bass staff concludes with a final chord. The piece ends with a double bar line.

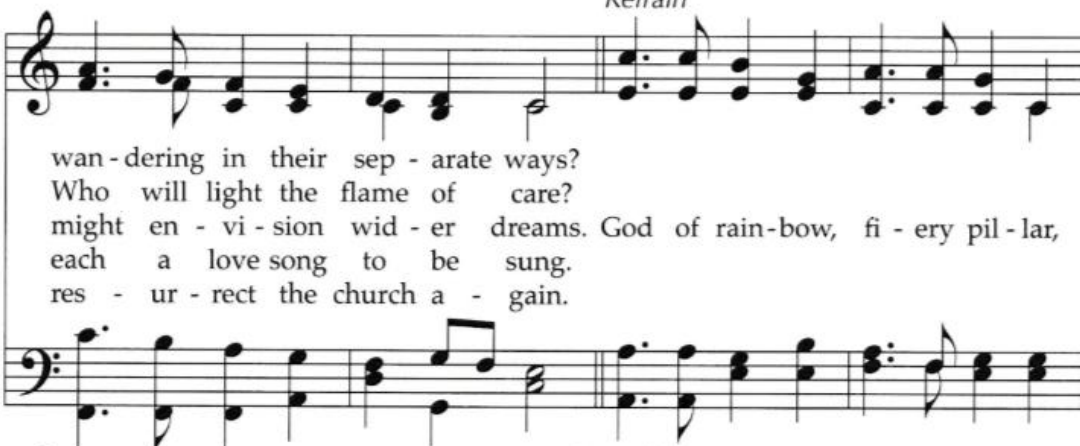
## 315 In the Midst of New Dimensions



1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

*Refrain*


wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
 each a love song to be sung.  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author/composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

# 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  
LM

# 313 Lord, Make Us More Holy

1 Lord, make us more ho - ly; Lord, make us more ho - ly;  
 2 Lord, make us more lov - ing; Lord, make us more lov - ing;  
 3 Lord, make us more pa - tient; Lord, make us more pa - tient;  
 4 Lord, make us more faith - ful; Lord, make us more faith - ful;

Lord, make us more ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain:  
 Lord, make us more lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain:  
 Lord, make us more pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain:  
 Lord, make us more faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain:

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, un - til we meet a - gain.  
 lov - ing, lov - ing, lov - ing, un - til we meet a - gain.  
 pa - tient, pa - tient, pa - tient, un - til we meet a - gain.  
 faith - ful, faith - ful, faith - ful, un - til we meet a - gain.

Like many African American spirituals, this one creates a framework for almost endless expansion beyond the four stanzas given here. This sung prayer is notable as an affirmation of God's active care for the once-gathered community while dispersed and of hope to be reunited.



**July 12, 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 Dr. and Mrs. G. Paul Charlton by friends.

**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.

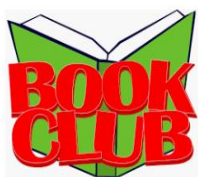
***FPC Prayers for***

Alana DeBellis & Family	Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)	
Jim Duval	Cale, Noble, Zach 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)	Carol Medsker
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, September 1, 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



**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](mailto:sbbrooks52@gmail.com) for more information on how to join the online conversations.

**This Week at FPC --- July 13 – July19, 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.*

<b>Mon, July 13</b>		<b>“Monday Check-in” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via website, email and social media
<b>Tues, July 14</b>	<b>10:30 a-11:30a</b> <del>12:00p-1:00p</del>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> via ZOOM Conferencing <b>NO Bible Study</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
<b>Wed, July 15</b>	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b> <b>6:00p-7:00p</b>	<b>Summer Book Club</b> via ZOOM Conferencing <b>Trustees</b> via ZOOM Conferencing
<b>Thurs July 16</b>		
<b>Fri, July 17</b>		<b>“Friday Feature” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen Sent via website, email and social media
<b>Sat, July 18</b>	<b>9:00a-2:00p</b>	<b>United Harvest</b>
<b>Sun, July 19</b>	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>“Stay at Home” Worship Service</b>



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.

~~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.

From July 13th to the 15th, our Stay and Serve Youth will be assembling ham and turkey sandwiches for our Open Table sack lunches. We are once again grateful to Dave Dirks and Custom Pack, Inc. for helping provide the meat for this project.

**During the next week or two, 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 week of July 20th through the 24th are listed below. We encourage family groups to sign up together when possible, but individuals are welcomed as well. If you would like to sign up during a time slot listed, please **text Jeni Howard at 402-469-1500**. Please include your name if you text.

Tuesday, July 21st @ 9:00am and 1:00pm

Wednesday, July 22nd @ 9:00am, 1:30pm and 6:00pm

Thursday, July 23rd @ 9:00am and 1:00pm.

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](https://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](https://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**



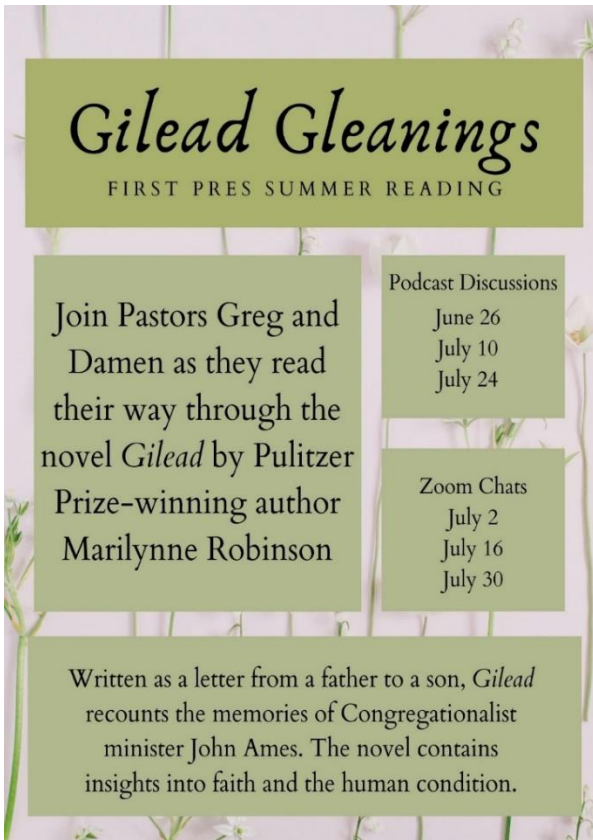
**GO & SERVE UPDATE**      It is with great sadness that we inform you that the organizers of this year's Go & Serve met on July 7<sup>th</sup> and decided not to host Go & Serve activities this summer. The Go & Serve committee has thought through a variety of scenarios in order to make the week work this year, but we simply feel that it is not safe enough to host this year. We do not feel comfortable taking the risk of possibly exposing our students, our families, and anyone with whom we might be working to Covid-19. It breaks our hearts, but we feel that the most responsible course of action is to continue to encourage people to stay safe and to stay home as much as possible.

However, even though we are unable to do the work of Go & Serve as directly as we'd like, the work will continue. The Go & Serve committee has decided to pass the money that was given as part of the Stock Sale fundraiser along to an organization we would have partnered with this year or some of our favorite partner organizations from past Go & Serve experiences. This is only possible as a result of your generous support.

One of the wonderful things about Go & Serve is watching students take hold of the idea of what it means to be a blessing to others. Your contributions have enabled us to still be a blessing to others, even though our own hands and feet will not be doing the work we had intended this year.

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Go & Serve this year and all years.

Peace and all good, Tammie Nowka, Amy Black, and Damen Heitmann



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

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.

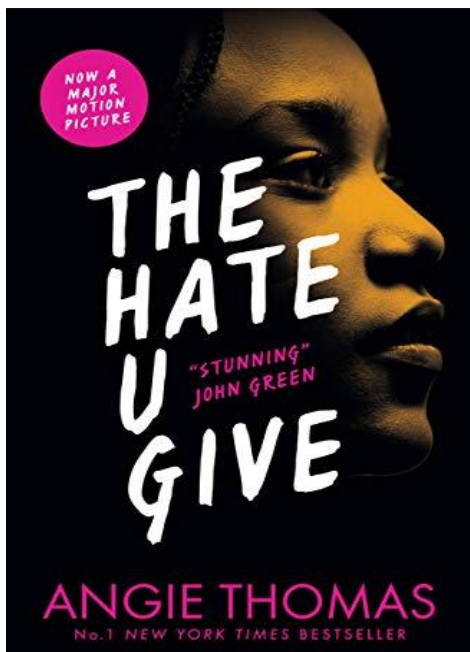
Soundcloud

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

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

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## **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](mailto:fpc@fpchastings.org) or call 402-462-5147