



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost August 23, 2020

PRELUDE

“Here I Am Lord”

Dan Schutte/arr. John Carter

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

WELCOME

Damen Heitmann

OPENING QUESTION

What mystery would you like to explore?

INTROIT

“This is the Day”

Garrett

Linda Vollweiler, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

A voice cries out,

Make straight the paths. Level the mountains. Raise the valleys. Let the people return to God.

A voice remembers,

Honor others. Love your neighbor. Serve your God. Keep these commandments.

A voice compels,

Declare the year of the Lord's favor. Release the captives. Support the faint. Let the oppressed go free.

A voice settles in our hearts.

Beloved, child of God, come and follow me.

*OPENING HYMN

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

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Oliver Family, Song Leaders

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Here, O God, are a few of the things we say when we're unsure of how to follow you: We don't know what we'd say. We'll probably embarrass ourselves. We're too busy. Someone else would do a better job. They don't want my help. Forgive us for the moments when we are too timid to follow you into the unknown. Have mercy for the times when we dare not lose who we are in order to head into the lives of others. You call us into the mystery of love and forgiveness. We do not know where such paths will lead. Give us the courage to move more fully into your kingdom here on earth.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

What keeps you from following God more fully?

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"

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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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Damen Heitmann

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

As your word is read and proclaimed, O God, let it do more than simply fall upon our fields. Let it germinate seeds of love in our hearts. Let it bring forth sprigs of compassion in our minds. Let your word bring to blossom your very spirit in our lives. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 3:1-15

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 4:1, 10-17

MESSAGE "What's Out There?" or "Of Sirens and Summons" Damen Heitmann

Featuring "Into the Unknown" from Frozen 2

Lopez/arr. Radnich

Performed by Eleanor and Laura Kate Oliver

(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.)

*HYMN "Would I Have Answered When You Called"

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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; on 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

"Prayer"

E. Humperdinck

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We dedicate these gifts to your work, O God. May they be used to 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

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

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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

“Postlude in D Major”

Healey Willan

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!

10:30 am “Stay at Home” Traditional Worship Service

9:00 am Worship in the Park (Alexander Park)

Broadcast live10:30 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

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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-terns 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-spond 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.

Glory Be to the Father

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

The first system of musical notation for 'Glory Be to the Father'. It consists of a treble and a bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble staff begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4 and B-flat4, then a quarter note on C5, and a half note on B-flat4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note on B-flat4, a quarter note on A4, and a dotted quarter note on G4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

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

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff features a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a dotted quarter note on B-flat4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

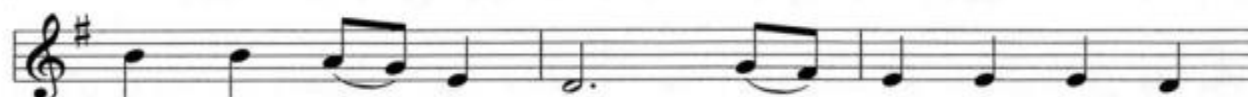
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The fourth and final system of musical notation. The treble staff concludes with a half note on G4, a quarter note on A4, and a dotted quarter note on B-flat4. The bass staff concludes with a half note on G3 and a quarter note on F3. The system ends with a double bar line.

Would I Have Answered When You Called?



1. Would I have an - swered when you called, "Come,
2. Would I have fol - lowed where you led through
3. Would I have matched my step with yours when
4. O Christ, I can - not search my heart through



fol - low, fol - low me!"? Would I at once have
an - cient Gal - i - lee, on roads un - known, by
crowds cried, "Cru - ci - fy!" when on a rock - y
all its tan - gled ways, nor can I with a



left be - hind both work and fam - i -
ways un - tried, be - yond se - cu - ri -
hill I saw a cross a - gainst the
cer - tain mind my stead - fast - ness ap -



ly? Or would the old, fa - mil - iar round have
ty? Or would I soon have hur - ried back where
sky? Or would I too have slipped a - way and
praise. I on - ly pray that when you call, "Come,



held me by its claim and kept the spark with -
home and com - fort drew, where truth you taught would
left you there a - lone, a dy - ing king with
fol - low, fol - low me!" you'll give me strength be -



in my heart from burst - ing in - to flame?
not dis - turb the or - dered world I knew?
crown of thorns up - on a ter - rible throne?
yond my own to fol - low faith - ful - ly.

WORDS: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr. (Matt. 4:12-23; 26:56; Mark 1:16-20; 14:50; Luke 5:1-11)
MUSIC: Trad. English melody

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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

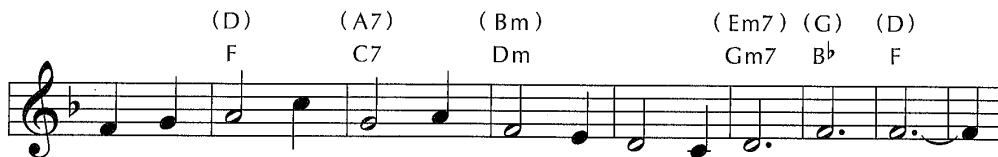
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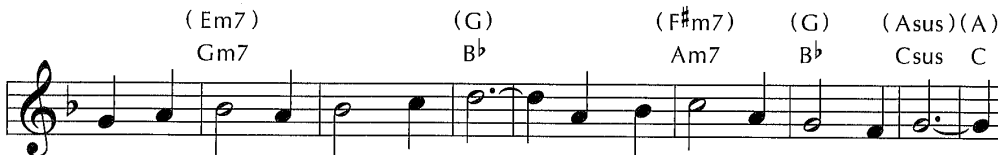
The Summons



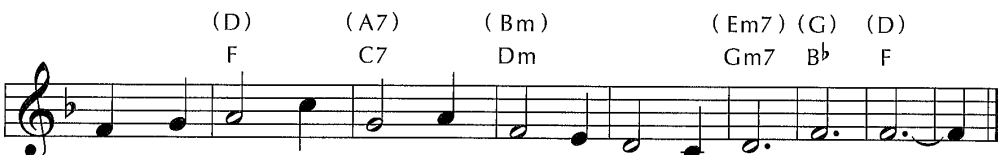
- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

August 23, 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 Phyllis and John Lainson by family and friends.

Today's service will be broadcast

- live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings (You don't need an account.)
- 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.



Giving 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/>

The church continues to play a vital role in responding to this virus, just as we did with the flood relief efforts in Nebraska. 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	Cathy Davis and family	Megan Welton

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.

In Memory Of

- ♥ Thomas Toms, father of Cathy Davis and father-in-law of Dale Davis, who passed away on 08/14/2020 in York, NE. Services were 08/19/2020.



LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg.

- Parents of students in grades 1-12 may apply for up to \$250 per semester to offset the cost of private music instruction. Grants are limited to one per child.

- Areas of study include piano, voice, guitar, or any band/orchestral instrument.
- Parents must be members of First Presbyterian Church, and students must be active participants in the church choir/music program.

Application forms are available in the church office and on the church website.

- DEADLINE FOR THE Fall 2020 GRANT PROGRAM IS October 1, 2020.
- GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE; PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.



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.

This Week at FPC --- August 24 – 30, 2020

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines through August 31 for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 15 or fewer in attendance, 2.) 1 hour or less in length, 3.) Facemasks will be required, 4.) Social distancing of 6 ft. seating. All boards and committees will have to option to meet in person or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both to be coordinated by the church staff representative.

Mon, Aug 24

“Monday Check-in” Communication

from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen

Tues, Aug 25

10:30a-11:30a

Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing

12:00p-1:00p

Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing

Sun, Aug 30

9:00a

Worship in Alexander Park

10:30a

“Stay at Home” Worship Service



Sponsored by:
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.

	September 19, 2020	
M, N, O	May park and get number starting	9:45 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting	10:00 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting	10:15 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting	10:30 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting	10:45 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting	11:00 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting	11:15 AM
I, J, K, L	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.



Presbyterian Women The PW Coordinating team met in August to review the meeting schedule for the fall semester. The decision was made that PW *will NOT meet through the end of 2020. This means there will be NO Circle meetings and no monthly Luncheons.*



Hygiene Kits Needed. PW is collecting complete kits. The deadline to bring kits to the church is September 10. Bring completed kits to the church or call Nancy Grams, 402-462-4668, or Sue Medsker-Nedderman, 402-984-3545, to pick them up. Following is the list of what should be included in a hygiene kit. Please follow the list exactly, and don't add anything or put anything of a different size in the kit. Only complete kits will be collected. Thanks for your help.

- 1 hand towel (approx. 16" X 28", no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 wide-tooth comb (remove from package)
- 1 nail clipper (nail clippers with metal files or emery boards attached are now accepted; remove from package)
- 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)

- 1 toothbrush (in original packaging) - *Do NOT add toothpaste to the hygiene kit. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added to international hygiene kits just prior to shipment*
- 10 adhesive bandage strips
- Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure