



# Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 30, 2020

## PRELUDE

“Hyfrydol”

arr. Gordon Young

Linda Vollweiler, organist

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

## WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Heitmann

*Surprising God, you have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where we least expect you:*

***In a burning bush, on a desolate hillside preaching about your kingdom, in the face of a stranger, in the midst of your grief... you show up.***

*Turn our lives upside down with your radical love.*

***Help us fully embrace your surprises, even as we revel in the joy of being fully embraced by your all-encompassing grace and mercy.***

*We come to you this morning seeking your presence and your kingdom;*

***Teach us to be builders of that kingdom as we worship you!***

## \*HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

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Robin and Ann Koozer, Song Leaders

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love. Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down. And still we don't always understand the radical nature of your grace. We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding those we are called to love and defend. You invite us to be builders of your kingdom here on earth, yet we often refuse your invitation, thinking we don't have time or we aren't equipped. God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need, that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength and energy to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us not forget that even as we long for heaven, we are called to build your kingdom here and now.***

## SILENT CONFESSION

*Question for contemplation: When have I turned away from an opportunity to build God's kingdom of love, justice, compassion, and peace?*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*God has promised to be with us throughout all generations.*

***Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice, for God is with us!***

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!*

***Alleluia! Amen!***

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” 582

\*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

***Lord of hope, we come to you this day to hear your word read and proclaimed. May your word enter our hearts this day as we reflect on your heavenly kingdom and what that means for our lives here on earth. May your Holy Word inspire us to be your people who help your kingdom come and your will done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.***

1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 6:9-15, 19-21, 33-34

ANTHEM “Painting with Pastels” Nancy and Randall Faber  
Vivian Fong, 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 – Revelation 21:1-4

MESSAGE Living between the “Now” and the “Not Yet” Greg Allen-Pickett  
Part of the Summer Sermon Song Series with the song “Heaven” from Los Lonely Boys

\*HYMN “Seek Ye First” 175

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Inspired by 20<sup>th</sup> Century South African Creed)

***Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.***

***We believe that God is at work in our world turning hopeless and evil situations into good, and we believe that God calls us, both individually and as the church, to join in that work.***

***We believe that goodness and justice will triumph in the end and that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.***

***One day all tears will be wiped away; the lamb will lie down with the lion, and justice will roll down like a mighty stream.***

***True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired; they are assured and guaranteed in Christ. This is our faith. This is our hope. Amen***

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Amazing Grace” arr. Peter Hamburger

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

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***Dear God, we offer you now these gifts. Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed. Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope. Take our lives and use them to build your kingdom here on earth. We pray all of this through Jesus Christ, who calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him. 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**

**"Light Dawns on a Weary World"**

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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**

**"Trumpet Voluntary"     John Stanley/arr. Willand-Kessler**  
*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 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

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## I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

## Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

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# Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
World with - out end, 7 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, 7 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.

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, its righ - teous - ness,  
but by you shall find;  
ev - ery word

al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4, emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2-3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.;  
Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee

MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

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(admin. Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing)

LAFFERTY  
Irregular

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# Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise \*him, all creatures here below; praise \*him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.' The asterisk indicates an alternative word 'God'.

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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# 79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.



**August 30, 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. William A. McCall by the family.

**Today's service will be broadcast**

- live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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](mailto: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.

Family of Irene Lindau  
Alana DeBellis & Family  
Jim Duval  
Cheryl Ann Elfond  
Irina Erickson's Mom  
Jim Hahne  
Jim Harrenstein  
Everly Hogan

***FPC Prayers for***

Kristine Cook (Katharine Davis' sister)  
Cale Henderson  
Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)  
Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's Mom)  
Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's Mom)  
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)  
Cathy Davis and family

Gretchen Lainson  
Tommy Thomsen  
Mike Hahne & family  
Jeff Howard  
Carol Medsker  
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.
- ♥ Irene Lindau who passed away 08/24/2020. A private graveside service officiated by Pastor Greg was held 08/28/2020.

**Kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Presentation**



**Alexander Park**  
**September 13---10:30 am**





**Forum Returns on September 13!** As fall approaches so too does the return of Forum! Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour known as Forum will strike up the band and begin again at 9:15 on Sunday, September 13th. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so if you are unable to join live you can watch the session at any time.

We'll begin this year with a three-part series titled, "Journey to the God of Love" led by Scholar in Residence, Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh. The series will trace theological development of the love and mercy of God through both Older and Newer Testaments.

To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know and we'll get you all set up!



**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.**

### **This Week at FPC --- August 30 – September 6, 2020**

*Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines through September 30 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.*

<b>Mon, Aug 31</b>		<b>“Monday Check-in” Communication</b> from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
<b>Tues, Sept 1</b>	<b>10:30a-11:30a</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b> via Zoom Conferencing
	<b>12:00p-1:00p</b>	<b>Bible Study</b> via Zoom Conferencing
	<b>12:00p-6:00p</b>	<b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> in Fellowship Hall
	<b>5:30p-7:00p</b>	<b>WAM</b> via Zoom Conferencing and Anderson Room
	<b>5:30p-6:30p</b>	<b>United Harvest Board</b> PEACE Center NW room
<b>Wed, Sept 2</b>		
<b>Thurs, Sept 3</b>		<b>Christian Ed</b> via Zoom Conferencing
<b>Sun, Sept 6</b>	<b>9:00a</b>	<b>Worship in Alexander Park</b>
	<b>10:30a</b>	<b>“Stay at Home” Worship Service</b>
	<b>1:30p</b>	<b>Hannah Jensen and Damen Heitmann</b>
	<b>3:00p-5:00p</b>	<b>Virtual Wedding</b> <b>Hanna and Damen’s “Drive-Through” reception at the church parking lot</b>



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).



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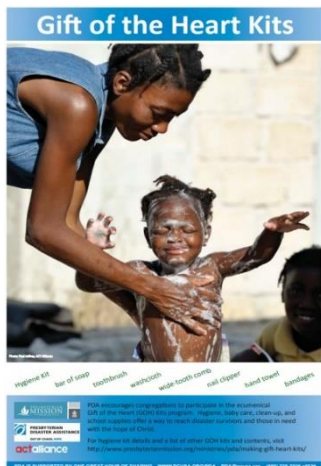
A mobile pantry is a traveling food pantry that delivers food to families in need through a one day distribution. Our goal is to provide food where there is a high need, but resources are limited. The mobile food pantry is available to all free of charge. The institutions providing the food are equal 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.

	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



**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

#### 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!!