



January 24, 2020
10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. Diane Bish

Linda Vollweiler, Organ

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 62)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

For God alone our souls wait,

For my hope is from him.

God alone is our rock and our salvation.

God is my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests our deliverance and our honor;

My mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

We shall trust in God at all times.

This morning we pour out our hearts before God in our worship!

*OPENING HYMN

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

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Hannah Jensen-Heitmann, Song Leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Jonah 3)

God of forgiveness, grace, and mercy, the tale of Jonah reminds us of your never-ending love for all creation.

May we be like the people of Nineveh, who were able to acknowledge their sin and open their eyes to your healing presence.

Though you stand ready to forgive our sin, we often find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments rather than let you open our hearts.

We trust you, Holy One; we pour out our hearts to you.

Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity, as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves and from the world — those words and deeds that keep us separated from one another and separated from you and your love.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation:

When have I failed to repent for my sins?

When have I not offered forgiveness to others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we repent, our God responds,

Lifting us beyond the pain, restoring us to safety and wholeness.

God promises to protect and shelter us

In the refuge of eternal love.

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

Alleluia! Amen!

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

*PEACE OF CHRIST (Greet others around you this morning by exchanging the Peace of Christ.)

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

FINDING GOD IN ISOLATION – FIVE FOR FIVE

Kili Wenburg

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, your promises and your presence are new every morning. We have come today to more deeply understand and feel your promises and your presence in our lives. Be with us as we listen for your call coming through your holy word read and proclaimed to us this morning. Help us hear afresh the good news today. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1:14-20

ANTHEM “Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy” Southern Harmony/arr. Koozer
Pre-recorded Ash Wednesday 02/14/2018

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 3:1-10

SERMON “Creativity in Connection” Greg Allen-Pickett
Part of the Epiphany Sermon Series “Created Anew”

*HYMN “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” 435

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Written by Rev. Bruce Prewer)

I believe in a creative God, who does not wait for us to find ourselves but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God’s epiphany, that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us, calling us to follow him into an obedience that is true liberty and to a humble service that is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ’s people, called to respect and support one another through joys and tribulations as we travel the road towards the “promised land” of God’s future.

Because Christ has called me in this, I truly believe.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Amazing Grace”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, Steadfast Rock of all Salvation, we marvel at the strength of your compassion and your ability to offer forgiveness. We pray that you will take these gifts and our lives as offerings to spread your compassion and forgiveness to the world. Make us part of the good news you are bringing forth in the world. Amen.

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 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

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*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 Tune”

Handel/arr. Wolff

Linda Vollweiler, Organ

(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 worship

11:30 am Congregational Meeting

Broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings and on KICS 1550 AM

(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

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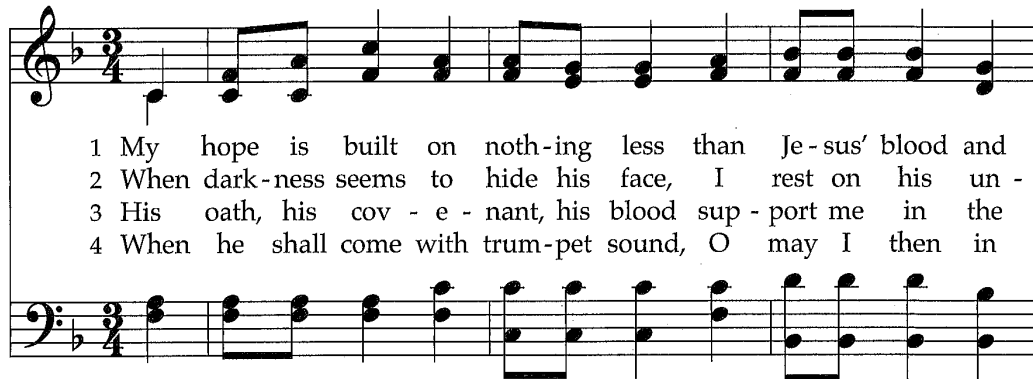
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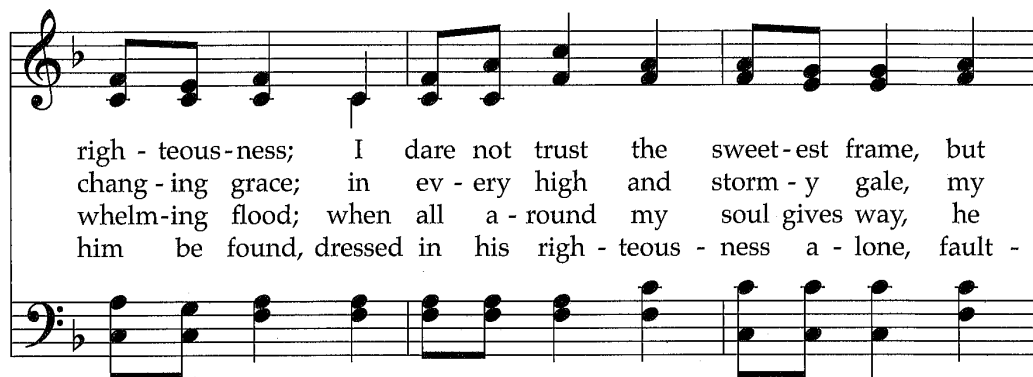
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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

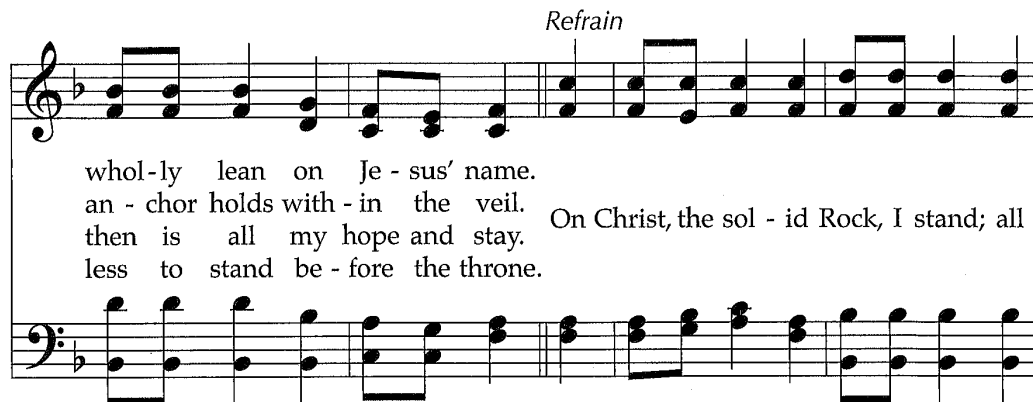


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righteous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righteous-ness a-lone, fault-

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
 an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be-fore the throne.




oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27/Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

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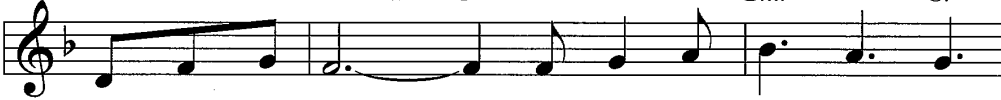
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
 2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
 flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.

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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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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-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.

January 24, 2020

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Charlie Frueling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Frueling.

Flowers are given in memory of all departed parents and grandparents.

Today's 10:30 "Stay at Home" Worship 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. Thank you for your continued support and provision in this time.

FPC Prayers for

Lois Hafer
Cindy Pickett
Jeff Howard
Gretchen Lainson
Carol Medsker
Pastor Greg and family

Rachael Lay
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)
The family of Rev. Roger Williams (Colleen Schukei's dad)

Henry Black
Eleanor Oliver
Norris Swan and family
Tommy Thomsen
Craig and JoAnn Williams
Paul Nuss and family

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

- ♥ Luella Hunzeker, who passed away 01/01/2021. Luella is the mother of Paul Nuss.

January Communion offering is designated to the Harvard People's Project.

*thinking
OF YOU*

Thinking of You Notes With COVID-19 on the rise, a number of our retirement communities have closed to visitors again, which can lead to a sense of isolation. We want our members who live in these homes to know that they have a church family that loves them and is thinking about them. One way to do that safely is to send them cards. If you have a few moments, drop a card or note into the mail to help them feel connected and remembered. Please contact the church office for names and addresses. Even if you don't know them personally, a card or note can provide a real pick-me-up. Please join us in this important work.

This Week at FPC --- January 25 – January 31, 2021

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must follow the following guidelines through for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 5 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 the option to meet in person with 5 or fewer in attendance or continue to meet via conference call or some combination of both to be coordinated by the church staff representative.

Mon, Jan 25	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers in PEACE Center GYM “Monday Check-in” Communication from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen
Tues, Jan 26	8:30a-9:30a 10:30a-11:30a 12:00p-1:00p	Walkers in PEACE Center GYM Staff Meeting Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
Wed, Jan 27	8:30a-9:30a 12:00p-1:00p	Walkers in PEACE Center GYM Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
Sun, Jan 31	9:15a-10:15a 9:15a-10:15a 10:30a 11:30 a	Heirs Apparent via Zoom Conferencing Forum via Zoom Conferencing “Stay at Home” Worship Service Congregational Meeting

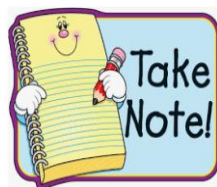


LANGENBERG LESSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM was established to encourage the youth of our church in their musical pursuits through the generosity of the late Luella Langenberg.

- 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 SPRING 2021 GRANT PROGRAM IS February 1, 2021**
- GRANTS ARE RENEWABLE; PARENTS MUST RE-APPLY EACH SEMESTER.



Notes for your Information:

1. The 2021 Offering Envelopes are in the Church Office. Stop in and pick one up!
2. The 2021 Jan/Feb/March Daily Bread Devotions have arrived, both large print and regular print.
3. Stephanie Brader, Director of Education for Children and Youth, is in need of magazines with “lots” of pictures, such as advertisements or in articles for use in Sunday School curriculum.



The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 30, 2021** 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 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.



The Hands Around the World Store has ordered more coffee. Stop by the church office to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag.



Connecting with God and Each Other While We Worship Apart (Finding God in the Solitude of Covid Times/Five for Five)

For many of us, attending church on Sunday mornings is our primary, if not only, means of connecting with our church family and with God. We give thanks for the technology and hard work of staff and volunteers who make it possible every week for us to worship "together apart," but it's not quite the same. Additionally, the uncertainty, isolation, stress, losses, and grief associated with living through a pandemic have created an increased need for the hope and security which can only be found in God. Because our familiar way of connecting with God (in-person worship) is not currently available, and because we all have more open calendars than ever before, this is the perfect time to learn new spiritual practices! God is just as present and available to us as ever before; it's just that we may need to learn new ways of seeking and finding God's presence in these new times. To that end, I will be creating short videos (90 seconds or so) each week, each of which will introduce a simple spiritual practice. Try these new practices for just 5 minutes a day, 5 days a week--5 for 5--and watch as your heart learns to recognize God in events, people, feelings, etc. as never before! The videos will be shown during Sunday worship and can also be found on the church YouTube page.

--Kili Wenburg, Parish Associate and Spiritual Director

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>

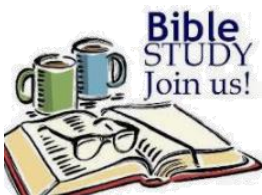


Presbyterian Women PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly luncheons. Members will receive monthly packets.

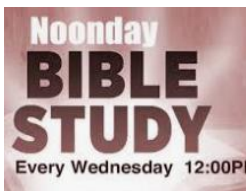


Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page so you can watch the session at any time. To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know, and we'll get you all set up! The next class begins 02/21/2021 with a 6-part study on the Isenheim Altarpiece led by Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh.

If you want to go back and watch a previous Forum, it can be found on the church YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh5z--uePAXhoKVfay2w4g/videos>

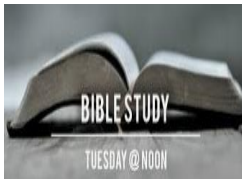


Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, meets via Zoom most Sunday mornings at 9:15am. Heirs Apparent is doing study entitled *Dream Big: know what you want, why you want it, and what you're going to do about it* by Bob Goff. We will continue meeting via zoom. To join this study, please email Curtis at teece4@gmail.com or call the church office to get the Zoom link.



Bible at Breakfast has a new time and name! Join us for Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM on **Wednesdays** at noon with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader. We will be looking at the Book of Revelation using the text *Revelation & the End of All Things* by Craig R. Koester.

To join the study, contact sbbrooks52@gmail.com. All are welcome!



Tuesday Noon Bible Study with Pastor Greg

All are welcome to join this weekly study. The focus for the group discussion and study each week is on the verses to be used on Sunday during worship. The group gathers either by ZOOM Conferencing or in person in the Anderson Room. To join by ZOOM, contact the church office.



PreK-5th Grades: Families will receive packets of materials in the mail to use as you follow along with video lessons to be posted weekly on our church website <https://fpchastings.org/children/>

6th-8th Grades & 9th to 12th Grades There will be no Wednesday night youth group, no Sunday morning Sunday School, or current 8th-Grade Confirmation Class at this time. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!



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 core case 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 households. The individuals providing the food are equal opportunity providers.

Interested in volunteering at **United Harvest?** Please register on the United Harvest Facebook page. Volunteer shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

February 20, 2021		
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

Created Anew

A Sermon Series that highlights God's creativity, and helps us discover the creativity in ourselves, as we explore what it means to be a Christian in the world today.



Jan. 10: Genesis 1:1-5
God Created. Now what?

Jan. 17: Galat. 5:1, 13-26
Creating Christian Freedom

Jan. 24: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Creativity in Connection

Jan. 31: 1 Cor. 8:1-13
Being the Epiphany