

April 18, 2021 Third Sunday Of Easter

PRELUDE "Meditation" Theodor Bubeck

Linda Vollweiler, organ

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

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Chancel Choir, directed by Robin Koozer (pre-recorded 5/12/19)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from 1 John 3)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

In this Season of Easter, we are invited to see what love the Father has given us,

That we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

Beloved, we are God's children now;

We are called to be like God, to love like God, and to worship God! May we all have hope in God.

May we seek embody God's love, hospitality, compassion, and justice, following in the footsteps of the risen Christ. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

"Fairest Lord Jesus" Mary Fisk, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust. We find that we often misunderstand, misinterpret, or ignore the implications of your life, death, and resurrection. We fail to embrace your grace and love, and we fail to share it with others.

This morning, we repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your children, both holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us, O God.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION

How have I misunderstood, misinterpreted, or ignored Christ's death and resurrection, as well as the impact it should have on my daily life?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ died.

Christ rose and will come again!

In Christ's death and resurrection, our sins are forgiven.

In Christ, our cries are answered. Alleluia! Amen!

*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

BAPTISM

Ewan Thomas Eckhardt

Parents: Louie and Kristen Eckhardt

(While the family is coming up for the baptism, the hymn leader(s) will sing, "Jesus Loves Me.")

BAPTISM QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION

Through the act of baptism, this child will be received into Christ's church, and we all have a role in his nurture. To that end, I ask the congregation, do you promise, with God's help, to support and pray for this child and his parents? And do you promise to love this child and to assist him in becoming a faithful follower of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond by saying say, "We do." **We Do.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostle's Creed)

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.

BAPTISM SONG

"God Claims You"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, by your Spirit, reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your Holy Word and let us hear what you are saying. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING - 1 John 3:1-7

ANTHEM

"For the Colors of the Rainbow"

Alleluia Choir (3rd-5th Grades) directed by Tim and Teresa Canady (pre-recorded 5/5/19)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON

"Got Fish? Let's just have supper!"

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

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OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to PC (USA) Hunger Fund.)

OFFERTORY

"Adagio in E Major"

Felix Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away, we do through Jesus' love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts and our lives so that others may have joy in Jesus' name. 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 "Go to the World" 295

*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 "Jubilation" Douglas E. Wagner
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 IN THE COMING WEEKS & INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

April 25 – High School Senior Recognition Sunday May 2 – Confirmation and Communion Sunday May 9 – Baptism of Julia Margaret Klaassen May 16 – Christian Education Volunteer Recognition Sunday

10:30 am In-Person and Stay-at-Home worship In-Person: No RSVP for the month of April, just come and join us!

Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fpchastings (Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM.

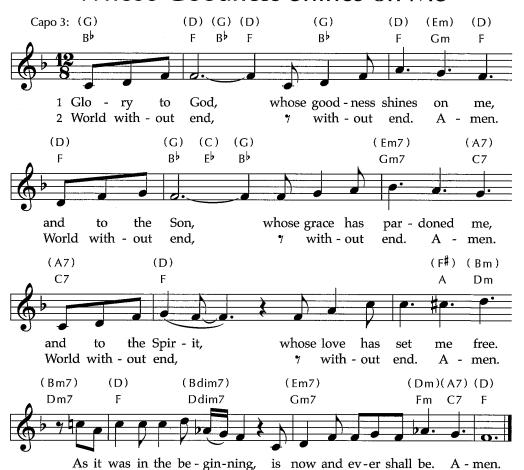


Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

TEXT: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; stanzas 1–3, trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850, alt.; stanza 4, trans. Joseph August Seiss, 1873, alt.
MUSIC: Silesian folk melody; Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me



All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

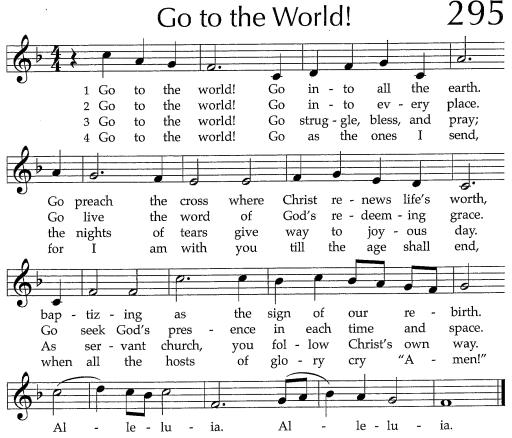


TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

*Or "God"

OLD HUNDREDTH





Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1985 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906 Text © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc. SINE NOMINE 10.10.10 with alleluias

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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

Accompanist: Mary Plock

Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Ministers: Members of the Church

Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg

Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

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April 18, 2021

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in honor of the Morhart and Kovar children.

Flowers are given in memory of Charles Heineman, Mary Alice & Joe Heineman by family and friends.

Ushers

April Team #2: Duane Huber-Captain, Steve Illingworth, Clyde Sachtleben, Daveta Brader, Dick Brader Lois Hafer (Sub 04/15: Kay Georgiana)

Greeters

April 18: Chuck Shoemaker & Lynn Friedewald, Alice Throckmorton, Julie Thomsen **April 25:** Kathy Utter, Kim Creech, Dwight & Jane Marsh

Today's 10:30 "In-Person" 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. simulcast on KICS 1550AM and 92.7FM
- > 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 In-Person and 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 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.

Gayle Fandry	FPC Prayers for	Lanae Hall's mother
Lois Hafer	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)	Karen Doerr and family
Cindy Pickett	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Rachael Lay
Jeff Howard	Elaine Schumacher (Vicki Howard's mom) Pam & Don Canad	
Gretchen Lainson	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Tommy Thomsen
Rich Portwood	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Carol Medsker
John Northrop	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond	The Tut Ruei family
	Family of Norris Swan	-

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

♥ Norris Swan, who passed away 04/12/2021. Services were held at FPC Hastings, April 16, 2021, with Pastor Greg presiding.



Notes for your Information:

- 1. The 2021 Offering Envelopes are in the Church Office; stop in and pick one up!
- 2. The 2021 April/May/June Daily Bread Devotions have arrived, both large print and regular print.

The April Communion Offering will go SASA, which is a crisis center whose mission is to be a source of help, hope, safety, and inspiration to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

This Week at FPC --- April 18, 2021– April 25, 2021

Session has voted that all in-person meetings must use the following guidelines for the safety of our congregation and staff and to comply with the State-Directed Health Measures. 1.) 20 or fewer in attendance, 2.) No time limit, 3.) Facemasks will be required, 4.) Social distancing of 6-ft. seating. All boards and committees have the 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).

TODAY 4/18	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN	
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service	
	1:00p-2:00p	Hands Around the World Store OPEN	
Mon, Apr 19		"Monday Check-in" Communication	
		from Pastor Greg and Pastor Damen	
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Fellowship Hall	
	7:00p-8:00p	Troop 200 Scouts in Scout Room	
Tues, Apr 20	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study via Zoom/Anderson	
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons Committee Zoom/Fellowship	
Wed, Apr 21	9:30a-10:30a	PW Gathering Fellowship Hall	
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom	
	1:30p-2:30p	PW Gathering Fellowship Hall	
	5:00p-7:00p	Confirmation Class	
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers Basement Room	
	7:00p-8:00p	Chancel Bells upstairs Ed wing	
	7:00p-7:30p	6 th - 8 th Grade In-Person Youth Group Church	
		youth room	
	7:00p-7:30p	9 th - 12 th Grade In-Person Youth Group PEACE	
		Center youth room	
Thurs, Apr 22	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class NE Classroom/PEACE Center	
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall	
	7:00p-8:00p	Spanish Class NW Classroom/PEACE Center	
Sun, Apr 25	9:15a-10:15a	Adult Ed Forum Zoom	
	9:15a-10:15a	Adult Ed Heirs Apparent Zoom/Anderson	
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN	
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service	
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The Hands Around the World Store has ordered more Café Justo coffee. Stop by the church office during the week to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag. The store is open every Sunday morning for 30 min. at 10:00 & 11:30.



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-meup. Please join us in this important work.



FRAUD ALERT If you receive an email or a text message that looks like it is from Pastor Greg, Pastor Damen, or one of the other church staff asking you to buy gift cards, please ignore it and report it to the church office. The phone number and email address will be incorrect.

Someone is sending these emails and text messages masquerading as Pastor Greg stating that he is visiting someone in the ER or the hospital and needs

help to order or purchase a gift card. Pastor Greg will never ask a church member to purchase a gift card by sending you an email or text message, so please don't respond. Always pay attention to the return email address and check it for accuracy. *Pastor Greg's email is greg@fpchastings.org*.



The <u>next</u> Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25, 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.



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.

The next PW Gathering will be in Fellowship Hall on April 21 at 9:30 and at 1:30. Each session will be approximately 1 hour. Mask are required and social distancing will be observed.

Presbyterian Women collect a Mother's Day Offering every year to help women in need. This year we are collecting for The Bridge here in Hastings. The Bridge, Inc., is a therapeutic community for women who are recovering from alcohol and drug addiction and has implemented an educational model for living skills appropriate to recovering women.

Our Mother's Day Offering would help these women with the personal hygiene products, pillows, and bedding for when they are ready to leave the services of the Bridge. Many women and their children arrive without anything and don't have the funds to purchase items they need. If you would like to donate, bring or send your donation to the church. Please make sure checks are written to PW with an indication it is for the Mother's Day Offering. Thank you for your support!

Church Women United will meet at 1:30 on May 7 at the United Methodist Church for May Friendship Day. Contact Susan Grahams with questions at 402-469-2638.

The PWS sponsored Native American Book Study will launch its next two book studies as outlines below. Please register your plans to attend with Marilyn Stone (mmstone52@att.net).

April 26th - *Six Weeks in the Sioux Tepees* by Sarah Wakefield Two 2-hour sessions will be held at 1:30-3:30 PM and 6:30-8:30 PM discussing the entire book, with comparison to "Beneath the Same Stars" (It is not necessary to have read "Beneath the Same Stars" to participate in this study).

May 10, May 24, and June 7 - Standing in the Light: A Lakota Way of Seeing Two 1-hour sessions will be held on each date at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM discussing sections of the book.

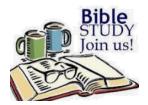


Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, meets most Sundays at 9:15. We won't be meeting in person just yet, but folks can join in the conversation live via Zoom. All Forum sessions will also be recorded and posted to the church's YouTube page, so you can watch the session at any time. To join in for the discussion, please let the church office know, and we'll get you all set up! A new study will run from 4/11 to 5/23/2021

on Resurrection Living.

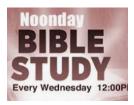
Previous Forums, can be found on the church YouTube page

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. The current study began on 02/21/2021 using the book *Visioneering* by Andy Stanley, which is based on the book of Nehemiah in the Old Testament. We will meet in the Anderson room and 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.



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.

	April 17, 2021	
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
A, B C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

<u>**PreK-5**th **Grades:**</u> 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: We will be hosting in-person 6th-8th Grade Youth Group on Wednesday evenings beginning on February 3. We'll plan to meet in the church basement youth room from 7pm-8pm. All participants are asked to wear a facemask, and we will maintain proper distance from one another. We'll do our usual games, bible study, and fellowship sorts of things.

9th**-12**th **Grades:** We will be hosting in-person 9th-12th Grade Youth Group on Wednesday evenings beginning on **February 3**. We'll plan to meet in the PEACE Center youth room from **7pm-8pm**. All participants are asked to **wear a facemask**, and we will maintain proper distance from one another. We'll do our usual games, bible study, and fellowship sorts of things.

In-Person Confirmation Class for the current 8th Graders is being held on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided. All participants are required to wear a facemask when not eating and must maintain proper social distancing guidelines.



1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym The 1st Pres Pickleball has returned to the PEACE Center every Monday from 1:00-3:00. COVID rules will apply: masks required, 20 or fewer people with social distancing observed.



Are you interested in helping to run the camera, sound board, T.V. on Sunday mornings? Erik Nielsen will be training new volunteers. Let him know you want to help. Email Erik at kazgratz@gmail.com



2021 VBS Children & Volunteer Registration

We'd love for you to join us for VBS 2021! First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church are coming together to host a 3-day, outdoor VBS. At Discovery of Adventure Island VBS children will explore the ways God's great light shines in the world, and shows everyone how they can reflect that light in their own lives.

DATE: Tuesday, June 1 through Thursday, June 3

TIME: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (volunteers will be needed 8:45am - 12:15pm)

WHERE: Masonic Temple grass lot at the corner of 6th Street and Hastings Avenue (will

be outside)

COVID PRECAUTION: At this time, masks will be required

CHILDREN & VOLUNTEERS: Please register SOON via the First Presbyterian Church website https://fpchastings.org/2021-vbs/ or by direct link:

- Children: http://bit.ly/HastingsVBS
- Volunteers: http://bit.ly/HastingsVBSVolunteer

Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org or 402-462-5147 with any questions.

FPC CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL & WNL

YEAR-END PICNIC

Wednesday, May 5

Libs Park—16th St. & Baltimore Ave

5:30-6:30pm fellowship & free-play

6:30-7:30pm meal*

Families with children & youth 12th grade and younger are welcome!

*So that we can accurately plan for the meal, please RSVP via our website at https://fpchastings.org/children/ or call the church office at 402-462-5147.

