



**Third Sunday
After Pentecost
June 13, 2021
10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE

“Creator Praise”

arr. Jerry Van Der Pol

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

Jesus Christ summons us here this morning

To answer God’s call of mercy!

Christ gathers us and gives us power

To seek healing and comfort, and to offer healing and comfort to others.

To be freed from sin and to help set others free from sin.

To tell one another and the world: God’s presence is at hand! Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“O God in Whom All Life Begins”

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Susan Medsker, Song Leader

Due to COVID-19 and the threat of disease transmission through aerosolized particles that are expelled during singing, we will not be singing out loud during our service. You are invited to hum along if you would like, reflect on the lyrics, and let the music enhance your worship of God this morning.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith.

Yet some of us long for plans with goals and schedules.

It’s hard to live by faith.

You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction.

Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view.

It’s hard to live by faith.

You call us to recognize the gifts you have given us and to use them to your glory. And to see your gifts and your image in others, yet we fail to.

It’s hard to live by faith.

Forgive us, holy maker of reality. Forgive us for failing others and failing you. Help us to be more Christ-like in the way we treat others.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

When have I failed to see the image of God in others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Fear not, for our creator, the loving maker of all reality,

Forgives us, and redeems us!

God sows the good news in tiny seeds, inviting us to tend the soil of community

And marvel as they grow.

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

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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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!

In order to reduce the risk of disease transmission, please do not shake hands or hug people outside of your immediate family. Instead, maintain proper social distance, look someone in the eyes and hold their gaze. Share peace with them by holding your hand to your chest and bowing your head to them, or share some other appropriate sign.

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

VBS CELEBRATION!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sovereign of the universe, touch us with your splendid presence through your Holy Word today. Reveal yourself to us, O mystery that beckons.

As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, draw us into your hopeful plans, for us and for all. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Psalm 139:1-5, 13-14

ANTHEM

“Minuet in G”

Johann Sebastian Bach

Esther Allen-Pickett, 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.)

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 12:1-8

SERMON “How God is calling us to ‘Just Ask!’ Listen, and Celebrate our gifts!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

Children’s Book Sermon Series on the book “Just Ask” by Sonia Sotomayor

*HYMN

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

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(Sung to the tune of The Church’s One Foundation)

1 Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe

we are ourselves accepted,
and meant to love and live.

2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.

Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may become.

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3 Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance
until we know by heart

the table of forgiveness,
and laughter's healing art.
4 Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,

who hunger for acceptance,
for justice and for bread,
We need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us; make us one!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (From the Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death, we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

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

For the health and safety of our members, we will not pass a plate or collect gifts during the offering. You are invited to give by dropping your offering as you leave in the plates at the back of the sanctuary, dropping it in the outside locked tithing box located on the second brick column under the portico, mailing it in, or giving online: <https://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

OFFERTORY "Simple Gifts" *American Folk Hymn arr. Schulz-Weimar*

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another and unite as the Body of Christ. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love and unity we share bring hope to a world that is in need. 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** "We All Are One in Mission" (vs. 1-2) 733

***BENEDICTION AND BLESSING**

***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

“Voluntary”

Charles Zeuner

(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!

June 6-July 11 – Children’s Book Sermon Series!

June 27 – Go and Serve Sunday!

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Park

10:30 a.m. In-Person and Stay-at-Home worship

In-Person: No RSVP 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.



First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ from the heart of Hastings since 1873

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Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

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Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

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Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster

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O God in Whom All Life Begins 308

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3 Through tears and laugh-ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshipping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b 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^b E^b B^b 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.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**Or "God"*

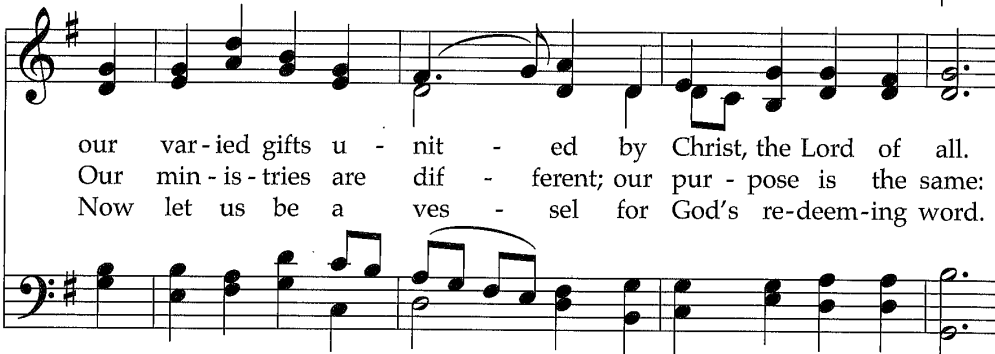
TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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733 We All Are One in Mission



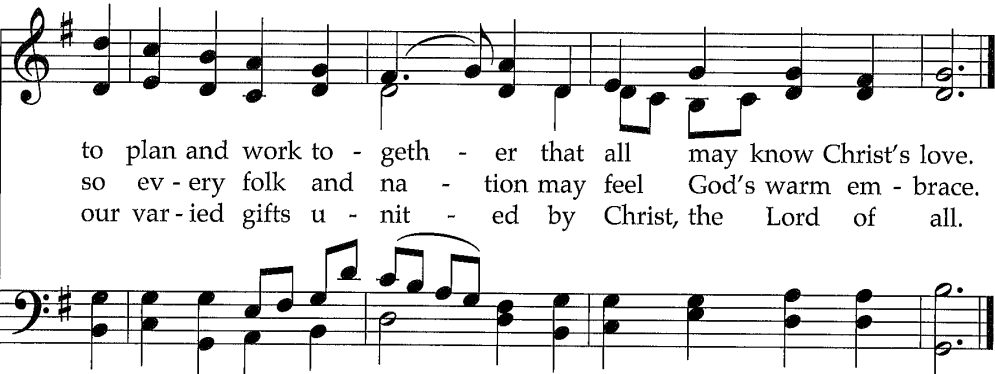
1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

June 13, 2021

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service, simulcast on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM, and is given by Les and Jo Seiler.

Flowers are given in memory of Rev. & Mrs. Christian Walter and Louise C. Walter.

Ushers May June Team #4: George Howard-Captain, Susie Graham, Dixie McDonald, Gale McDonald, Ted Schroeder, Lori Schroeder

Greeters

June 13: Ira & May Wierenga and Erica Brooks & Family

June 20: Richard & Connie McClenahan and Clyde & Katharine Sachtleben

Unstaffed Nursery is available if needed. The television in the nursery has a live feed to the Sanctuary so you can still participate in the service from there.

Need a ride to church on Sundays? Request a ride by calling Deacon Moderator Kathy Reimer at 402-469-6437 or the church office at 402-462-5147.

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.
- 10:30 a.m. at College View live on Facebook in the small theatre room. Residents and their families are welcome

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 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.

FPC Prayers for

Lois Hafer	Jack Stinson (Julie Thomsen's dad)	Go & Serve Team
Rich Portwood	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Rachael Lay
Gayle Fandry	Lanae Hall's mother	Pam & Don Canady
Bev Stein	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Tommy Thomsen
Family of Don Reynolds	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Frank & Carol Medsker
	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elford	The Tut Ruei family
	Family of Gretchen Lainson	

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

Gretchen Lainson, who passed away 06/04/21. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., 07/23/21, at First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Greg presiding.

Don Reynolds, who passed away June 4, 2021. Don was father of Molly Johnsen.

This Week at FPC --- June 13, 2021– June 20, 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 6/13	9:30a-10:15a	Go & Serve Trip June 4-13
	10:00a-10:30a	Worship in Alexander Park
	10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	11:30a-Noon	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship Service
Mon, June 14		Hands Around the World Store OPEN
		“Monday Check-in”
		Communication from Greg and Damen
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Fellowship Hall
Tues, June 15	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons Zoom/Fellowship
Wed, June 16	12:00-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	6:30p-7:30p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, June 17	5:30p-7:00p	Session Zoom/Fellowship
Fri, June 18	10:00-Noon	Mahjong Ladies in Middle School Youth Room
Sat, June 19	9:45a-Noon	United Harvest
Sun, June 20	9:30a-10:15a	Worship in Alexander Park
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	10:30a	Stay-At-Home and In-Person Worship
	11:30a-12:30p	Hands Around the World Store OPEN

→ Please Note: There will be NO Activities in the PEACE CENTER June 1-June 18 as all hallway floors are being re-finished.



The June Communion Offering is the Pentecost offering, a portion of which will be donated to CASA. The local portion (40%) will go to CASA as a focus on our efforts to help improve the lives of young people in our community. The remainder of the offering (60%) will support at-risk youth through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



The Hands Around the World Store has 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.



The next **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 14, 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 **PW Coordinating Team** will not meet in June or July. The next meeting will be August 4th at 10:00.

The **PW Father's Day Offering** this year will go to *The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World*. Please send your checks to the church **made out to Presbyterian Women**.

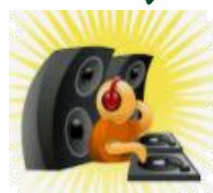
More than half of Guatemala's population lives below the poverty level, with nearly a quarter living on less than \$2/day. Many people lack a source of safe drinking water, which has a multiplying impact on poverty. Currently, there are over 210 Living Waters for the World filtration systems installed across Guatemala, providing each of the surrounding communities with an opportunity to live longer, more healthful lives because they are finally free of water-borne illness and disease.

The Guatemala Network of Living Waters for the World helps to support teams that go to Guatemala to install water systems and provides ongoing support to those systems through local in-country staff. Pastor Greg served on the US board of Living Waters for the World for six years. He currently serves on the Guatemala Board of Living Waters for the World.

Donations should be made out to PW and sent to the church. There will be a table in the Memorial Room June 13 and 20.



1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym 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.



Want to help run the tech booth? Contact Erik Nielsen for information. kazgratz@gmail.com



Want to volunteer at **United Harvest**? Please register on the United Harvest Facebook page. Shifts are 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:00.

June 19, 2021		
P, Q, R	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	11:00 AM
I, J, K, L	May park and get number starting at:	11:15 AM
M, N, O	May park and get number starting at:	11:30 AM

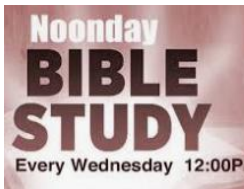


Forum Our regularly scheduled Adult Enrichment hour, known as Forum, has concluded for the summer. Previous Forums can be found on the church YouTube page

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

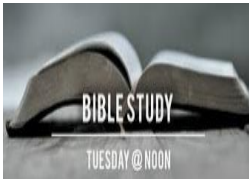


Heirs Apparent Adult Sunday School, with Curtis Reimer leading, has concluded for the summer.



Join us for Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM on **Wednesdays** at noon with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader. Beginning on June 9th, we will begin discuss a book by John Dominic Crossan that wrestles with seemingly opposite visions: one of a loving God, and one of a vengeful God. Crossan explains how Christians can better understand these passages in a way that enriches their faith. The intriguing title? *How to Read the Bible and Still be a Christian*. All are welcome. Invite friends!

Please contact Sharon Brooks for more information about connecting online and about obtaining a book at sbbrooks52@gmail.com



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.



Work Shirts Needed for Proteus There is a great need for long-sleeved work shirts for migrant workers this summer.

These shirts protect the workers from the sun and exposure to agricultural chemicals. While you are doing your spring cleaning, if you find long-sleeved shirts you are no longer using, please bring them and place them in the Donation Station in Fellowship Hall.

To participate in the distribution of the shirts to the workers in early July, please contact Denny Storer for details.

The Mission Committee delivered 80 shirts on June 7th. Proteus is expecting almost 300 migrant farm workers combining Hastings, Grand Island, and Edgar. These workers will begin their seasonal work for Remington Seed on about July 1st.



Presbyterian Camp Scholarships available!

A Presbyterian Camp Scholarship is available for all Presbyterian sponsored camps including youth camps and family camps. An individual camper may receive one scholarship per calendar year that will cover up to 1/2 of the camping fees!

Benefits of Christian Camping...

- Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment.
- Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program.
- Campers engage with others—building on the connectional strength of the reformed tradition.
- Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences help children and youth mature socially, emotionally, intellectually, morally and physically. This is supported by research conducted by the American Camp Association.

Please contact Stephanie at stephanie@fpchastings.org for a scholarship request form or if you have any questions.