



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 20, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE “Pilgrimage: A Sequence of Hymns of God’s Guidance” arr. Jerry Van Der Pol
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

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

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

OPENING QUESTION

Upon what do you most frequently insist?

INTROIT

“How Majestic is Your Name”

Michael W. Smith

Calvin Choir (6th-8th Grades) and Westminster Choir (9th-12th Grades)

Linda Johnson, director; Mary Plock, piano (Previously recorded on May 13, 2018)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Greg Allen-Pickett

We come here because we want to be moved.

We want to be picked up from where we are and set on a new path.

We long for our hearts to be shifted into the ways of love.

We ache for our minds to swing into the methods of compassion.

We gather here and ask that God might change us, that God might lift us beyond ourselves.

We come together in the hope that we might grow into disciples of ever more grace and love.

*OPENING HYMN

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

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Mary Fisk, 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

I confess, O God, that I know next to nothing. This is, of course, something that you knew and that I am only just now learning. I don’t actually know how my neighbors should live their lives or cut their grass. I can’t say for certain what’s best for the kids these days. And, yes, my meatloaf recipe is good, but I’m beginning to suspect that there are other ways to go about it. My perspective is severely limited, yet I’ve rarely let that hold my own pride and hubris in check. The truth is, O God, that I conflate fake certainty and righteousness. And as my pride becomes outsized, my vision narrows until I see only myself and the things that I assume are right. Forgive me, O God, for the times such living has prevented me from engaging with the world around me. Have mercy for the moments of wonder, community, and love that I’ve missed because of my refusal to bend.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

Has your refusal to budge ever caused undue hardship for others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is merciful and quick to forgive.

God plucks us from our errant pathways and returns us to those of righteousness.

In God we are forgiven and restored.

Alleluia! 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!

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of nurture and challenge, we pray this morning that we might come into contact once more with your very presence. As the scriptures are opened and as the word is proclaimed, we ask that you might meet us where we are and move us in your direction. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Galatians 6:7-10

ANTHEM

“Aurora Borealis”

N. Faber

Shannon Canady, 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 – 2 Kings 5:1-17

MESSAGE “Traditionally Nontraditional” or “Moveable Faith”

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Children’s Book Sermon Series on “The Zax” by Dr. Seuss, Published by Random House

*HYMN “*In the Midst of New Dimension*” (vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)

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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.

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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 (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://fpcastings.org/give-online/>

OFFERTORY "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Welsh Folk Tune/arr. Jeffrey Blersch

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We shall not, O God, let the world pass us by. We shall not let our pride and certainty keep us from discovering the lives of those around us. Along with these gifts, we dedicate our very selves to going where you call and moving as you will. May these things and our lives be used in service of your peaceable kingdom. 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 "Faith Begins by Letting Go" 684

*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 Flourish on "Salzburg" arr. Douglas E. Wagner
(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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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

righ - teous-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 righ - teous - 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.

Glory Be to the Father

581

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

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The melody in the treble staff consists of quarter and eighth notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

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

The third system shows the continuation of the musical piece. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

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

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a melodic line with some rests, and the bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat sign.

315 In the Midst of New Dimensions

1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -

chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

Refrain

wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will light the flame of care?
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,
 each a love song to be sung,
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney

now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

In this simultaneously-created text and tune, the author/composer was seeking to incorporate imagery from both Native American and Hebrew spiritual traditions. Also included is the mythological phoenix, which had received a Christian interpretation as early as the first century.

606 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

OLD HUNDRETH
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Faith Begins by Letting Go 684

1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what
 2 Faith en - dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - ory's
 3 Faith ma - tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en -

had seemed sure, tak - ing risks and press - ing on,
 roots a - live so that hope may bear its fruit;
 larg - ing hearts, shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer,

though the way feels less se - cure: pil - grim - age both
 prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive, not through mer - it
 bind - ing up the bro - ken parts; till we find the

right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
 we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
 com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

This text affirms that faith is not a state of being but a process of becoming what we are called to be in relationship to God, other people, and the world. The movement from one stage of faith to another is suggested by gestures of the hand: letting go, holding on, reaching out.

June 20, 2021

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service, simulcast on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM, and is given in memory of Mildred and Victor Lutkemeier by the Lutkemeier family.

Flowers are given in memory of Dr. Bob Howard by his family.

Ushers

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

July Team #5: Ken Stein-Captain, Dale Behrens, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen, ???
Position Open Please let the office know if you are interested.

Greeters

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

June 27: Melissa Davis, Vonda Essex, and Gale & Dixie McDonald

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)	Rachael Lay
Rich Portwood	Connie & Tom Kubicka (Chris Junker's parents)	Pam & Don Canady
Gayle Fandry	Lanae Hall's mother	Tommy Thomsen
Bev Stein	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Frank & Carol Medsker
Family of Don Reynolds	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	The Tut Ruei family
	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elford	
	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 the father of Molly Johnsen.

This Week at FPC --- June 20, 2021— June 27, 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 6/20	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-Noon	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
Mon, June 21		“Monday Check-in”
		Communication from Greg and Damen
	1:00p-3:00p	1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Fellowship Hall
Tues, June 22	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson
Wed, June 23	12:00-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	6:30p-7:30p	Wood Carvers
Fri, June 25	10:00-Noon	Mahjong Ladies in Middle School Youth Room
Sun, June 27	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
	Noon-1:30p	Go & Serve Stockholders Luncheon



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.



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...

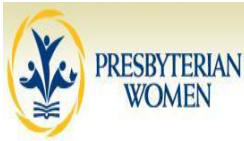
- Campers can grow in their spiritual development in a fun, positive environment.
- Camp is an extension of your local church ministry program.
- Campers engage with others—building on the connective strength of the reformed tradition.
- Child development experts believe that residential camp experiences 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@fpc Hastings.org for a scholarship request form or if you have any questions.



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.

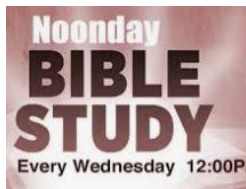
The **PW Coordinating Team** will not meet in June or July. The next meeting will be August 4th at 10:00.

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**.



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.

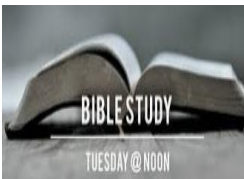
July 17, 2021		
S, T, U	May park and get number starting at:	9:45 AM
V, W, X, Y, Z	May park and get number starting at:	10:00 AM
A, B	May park and get number starting at:	10:15 AM
C, D, E	May park and get number starting at:	10:30 AM
F, G, H	May park and get number starting at:	10:45 AM
I, J, K, L	May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



Join us for Noonday Bible Study via ZOOM on **Wednesdays** at noon with Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh as the leader. We are discussing the 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. 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. To participate in the shirt distribution, please contact Denny Storer for details.