



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
June 27, 2021, 10:30 a.m.
Go & Serve Sunday

PRELUDE

“Enter His Gates with Praise”

Richard A. Williamson

Linda Vollweiler, Organist

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

WELCOME

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

OPENING QUESTION

When is the best time? Who is the most important one? What is the right thing to do?

INTROIT

“Come Live in the Light”

David Haas

*CALL TO WORSHIP

My friends, I want to be a good person, but I'm not always sure how.

Neither are we, not always. That's why we gather here. That's why we seek the presence of God.

That's true, isn't it? We gather together with all of our questions.

Yes, we join with one another to ponder what it means to be disciples and to seek out answers to one of life's most persistent questions.

How should we live our lives?

Maybe we'll find out more today, but this much we feel certain of: we should live in truth, hope, and love.

WHERE WERE WE?

OPENING STORY

“The Three Questions” by Jon J. Muth

Jennifer Boeve

Published by Scholastic Press

ON WANTING TO BE A GOOD PERSON

Abigail Kerr, Avery Essink

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I confess, O God, my absence. I'm not really here. I'm running off someplace with yesterday's problems or tomorrow's concerns. I'm daydreaming about lunch and drifting to thousands of other places. Even in this service, I'm not always truly present to you. And now I'm wondering how present I am in the rest of my living. How often do I truly hear what others are trying to tell me? How readily am I truly available to see the lives of even those I love the most? In the course of my day, how many times do I get lost in my own little world and fail to connect with what is going on right in front of my face. Grant within me, O God, a heart that is present and open to you and to others right now.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

What pulls your presence away? What distracts your heart from the things of God?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are known. We are loved.

The God of mercy offers us grace and forgiveness.

Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

Sue Medsker, Song Leader

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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

May the stories of this day bring us truth and wisdom. May the grace of God be conveyed through their words and plotlines. May our hearts encounter, in this hour, the living God. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Micah 6:6-8

ANTHEM

“You Are My All in All”

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Hannah Hafer, Jadyn Shoemaker, Avery Essink-Vocal Ensemble;

Linda Johnson, director; Mary Plock, Accompanist

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 13:10-17

ON SEEING OTHERS

Shannon Canady, Hannah Hafer, Eric Brader

*HYMN

“Somebody’s Knocking at Your Door”

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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.

*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.

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.

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE COMING WEEKS &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

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

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

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

Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen

Church Office Administrator: Jean Matheny

Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun

Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

Glory Be to the Father

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

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

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

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

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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 heav - en - ly host; praise

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

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

OLD HUNDREDTH
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Somebody's Knocking at Your Door

Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door; some - bod - y's
knock-ing at your door; O sin - ner, why don't you
an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door.

1 Knocks like Je - sus.
2 Can't you hear him? Some - bod - y's knock-ing at your
3 An - swer Je - sus.

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The description of the Son of Man as standing at the door and knocking (Revelation 3:20) has given rise to many visual and verbal representations of that figure. This African American spiritual uses its repeated phrases to imitate knocking and to give immediacy to this encounter.

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-tens 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-pond 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.

June 27, 2021

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 a.m. service on KICS 1550 AM and is given in memory of Frank W. Northrop for his birthday by the Northrop family.

Flowers are given in memory of John Sheppard by Becky & Mike Meyer and also in loving memory of Frank Northrop by the Northrop 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, (Sub for Julie on July 4 & 11 is MaryKay LaMaster) and, ???

Position Open Please let the office know if you are interested.

Greeters

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

July 4: Georgie Evans, Carol Wheeler, Erin Gastmann

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
Bev Stein	Lanae Hall's mother	Tommy Thomsen
Family of Don Reynolds	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Frank & Carol Medsker
Family of Gretchen Lainson	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	The Tut Ruei family
	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elford	

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 27, 2021– July 3, 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 6/27	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-Noon	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	Noon-1:30p	Go & Serve Stockholders Luncheon
Mon, June 28		“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 Choir Room
Tues, June 29	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson
Wed, June 30	12:00-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	6:30p-7:30p	Wood Carvers
Fri, July 2	10:00-Noon	Mahjong Ladies in Middle School Youth Room
Sun, July 4		INDEPENDENCE DAY
	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: The office will be closed Monday, July 5, in Observance of the Independence Day Holiday

The July Communion Offering will go to PHC2 (People Helping Community).

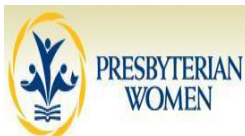


The Hands Around the World Store has Café Justo coffee. Stop by the church office during the week to re-stock your supply at \$10 per bag. The store is open every Sunday morning for 30 min. at 10:00 & 11:30.



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.

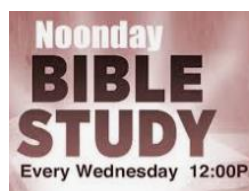


Presbyterian Women PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly luncheons. Members will receive monthly packets.

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



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.

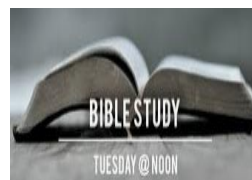


Join us for Noonday Bible Study

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 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. If you have any 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.

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



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@fpc Hastings.org for a scholarship request form or if you have any questions.