



Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 1, 2021
10:30am

PRELUDE

“Prelude in G Major”
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

Johann Christian Kittel

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 51)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

God, you desire for us to be people of truth,

Therefore, teach us your wisdom this morning.

Let us hear of joy and gladness in our worship!

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain in us a willing spirit.

Come, let us worship our God who teaches us wisdom and truth and calls us to joy and gladness!

*HYMN

“Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

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Riky Nielsen, Song Leader

1. Lord, we have come at your own invitation, chosen by you, to be counted your friends;
Yours is the strength that sustains dedication; ours, a commitment we know never ends.

Teach us to serve without pride or pretension, Lord, in your kingdom, whatever our place.

2. Here, at your table, confirm our intention; give it your seal of forgiveness and grace;

3. When, at your table, each time of returning, vows are renewed and our courage restored,
May we increasingly glory in learning all that it means to accept you as Lord.

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

In the daily grind of life, we are so often taught to climb the ladder of success by stepping on each other, focusing only on our own wants and needs. We chase after all those false idols that cannot ever sustain us and bring us peace. We pass by or ignore those in need around us, seeking to serve our own needs instead. Forgive us, Lord. It is your Son, Jesus Christ, who leads us in the ways of happiness and peace, sustaining us with his life-giving bread and encouraging us to feed others. Nurture us again, Lord, with your Bread of Life, that we may truly focus on the ministries and mission you have set before us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name.

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION AND SILENT CONFESSION

When have I failed to share with others in need?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life!

We come to him and feed on his love for us!

Know that forgiveness is given freely for you, out of his great love. And seek to share that love with others!

Alleluia! Amen!

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

1. Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever
shall be. Amen.

2. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. As it
was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

(Greet one another by sharing the Peace of Christ with those around 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

Bring us to you and your Holy Word, with open and repentant hearts. As we receive the wondrous gift of your Word, may we truly be reminded that Christ nurtures and feeds us and calls us to nurture and feed others. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Isaiah 58:6-12

ANTHEM

“Rex the Tyrannosaurus”
“Cowboy Joe”
Peter Ratzlaff

Faber

“Take Me Out to the Ball Game”
“Meet the Flintstones”
Charlie Ratzlaff

Norwortg/Von Tilzer
Hanna/Babera/Curtin

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Peter 4:8-11

SERMON

“Who is going to feed the birds?”

Greg Allen-Pickett

Summer Sermon Song Series on “Feed the Birds” from *Mary Poppins*, sung by Sarah Wolf

*HYMN

“Lord of All Good”

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1. Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use
them your holy purpose to fulfill,
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that
our whole life is offered to your will.

Heart with the flame of your own love ablaze,
till for your glory all our powers combine.

2. We give our minds to understand your ways;
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great
design;

3. Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to
you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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

OFFERTORY

“Prelude in C Major”

Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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/>

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*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.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak” vs. 1-2 & 5

722

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living
echoes of your tone. As you have sought, so let
me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

O feed me, Lord, that I may feed your
hungering ones with manna sweet.

2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the
wandering and the wavering feet.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will,
and when, and where until your blessed face I
see, your rest, your joy, your glory share.

*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

“Toccata in D Major”

Johann Krueger

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshippers 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!

Summer Sermon Song Series July 18 - September 5!

9:30am Worship in the Park (until August 22nd.)

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 1550AM and on 92.7FM.

August 1, 2021

The radio broadcast airs during the 10:30 am service on KICS 1550AM and is given in memory of Hal Lainson by the Lainson family.

Flowers are given in memory of Bob & Tony Mays, and also in memory of Jim McDougal by family and friends.

Ushers

August Team #6: Captain – Jim Harrenstein, Eric Brader, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

Greeters

August 1: Eleanor Jorgensen, Flossie Sanderson, Jim & Carol Harrenstein

August 8: Jill Kramer, Richard & Linda Johnson

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 10:30am 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 10:30am simulcast on KICS 1550AM and 92.7FM
- on Channel 181 Tuesday at 1:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am
- at Good Samaritan Village, the service will be broadcast on Channel 3 on Sunday at 12:00pm and on Tuesday at 2:00pm.
- 10:30am 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 Sarah in the office at 402-462-5147 or sarah@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/>
5. 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

Family of Arnold Boehler	Family of Jack Stinson	Elaine Schumacher
Lois Hafer	Robin Koozer	Rachael Lay
Rich Portwood	Neil Riley	Pam & Don Canady
Bev Stein	Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)	Tommy Thomsen
Gayle Fandry	Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)	Carol & Frank Medsker
Shirley Gass	Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Elfond	The Tut Ruei family
Brad Davis	Lanae Hall's mother	Katherine Sachtleben

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

Jack Stinson, who passed away 07/10/21. Jack was the father of Julie Thomsen.
Arnold Boehler, who passed away 07/10/21. Arnold was the husband of LaJeanne and member of the church.

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

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

Head of Church: Jesus Christ	Ministers: Members of the Church
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett	Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Director of Children & Family	Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg
Ministries: Stephanie Brader	Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler	Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson	Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim & Teresa Canady	Church Office Administrator: Sarah Allen
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver	Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Accompanist: Mary Plock	Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh	Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

This Week at FPC --- August 1, 2021– August 8, 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.) Face masks will be optional for fully vaccinated individuals; masks are expected for unvaccinated individuals, 2.) Social distancing will be relaxed. 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), 3.) Congregational singing will be allowed at outdoor worship only.

Sun, Aug 1	9:30a-10:15a	Worship 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
Mon, Aug 2		“Monday Check-in” Communication from Greg and Damen
	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers PEACE Center
	1:00p-3:00p	1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Choir Room
Tues, Aug 3	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers PEACE Center
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson
	5:30p-7:00p	WAM Meeting Zoom/Fellowship Hall
Wed, Aug 4	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers PEACE Center
	10:00a-11:00a	PW Coord Team Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	6:30p-7:30p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, Aug 5	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers PEACE Center
Fri, Aug 6	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies Middle School Youth Room
Sun, Aug 8	9:30a-10:15a	Worship 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

The designated Communion Offering for **August** is Our Place After-School Care.

"The Mission of Our Place After School Care is to create a caring community that will encourage teenagers with special needs, ages 13-20, to practice academic, social and life skills and enable them to be involved in community service and enriching experiences."

-This program is housed at the Faith Lutheran Church.



Our Place After School Care Inc.

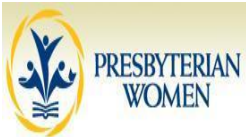
What's Happening



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 minutes at 10:00am & 11:30am.



The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 14, 2021**, from 12:00pm – 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at 402-469-9285 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.

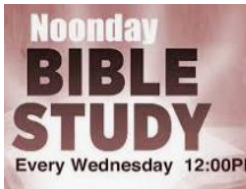


Presbyterian Women PW will not meet until further notice. This means there will be no Circle meetings and no monthly luncheons. Members will receive monthly packets.

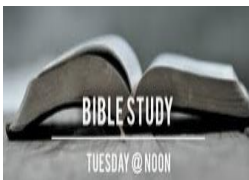
PW Coordinating Team's next meeting will be August 4th at 10:00am.



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



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.



A CELEBRATION please help us honor Joyce Harrenstein on her 100th birthday earlier this year! The celebration will be on Sunday, August 15th from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please, no cards or presents; your presence is gift enough.

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

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1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion;
3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,

cho - sen by you, to be count - ed your friends;
give it your seal of for - give - ness and grace;
vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored,

yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion;
teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing

ours, a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
Lord, in your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.
all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.

St. Augustine spoke of eucharist as "the repeatable part of baptism," and this hymn reminds us that each time we share in the Lord's Supper we are renewing our baptismal vows. The text is set to a tune that dates to the transition between plainchant and modern tonalities.

582

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.

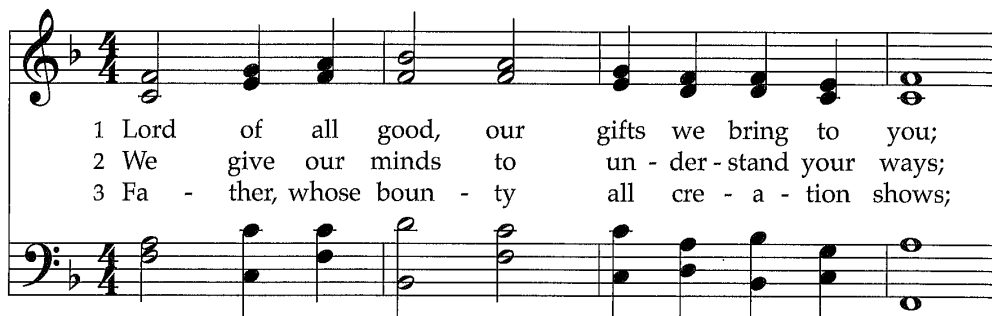
(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

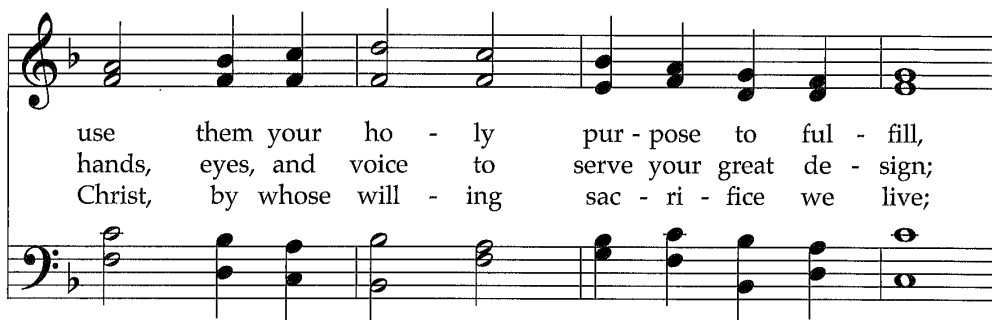
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

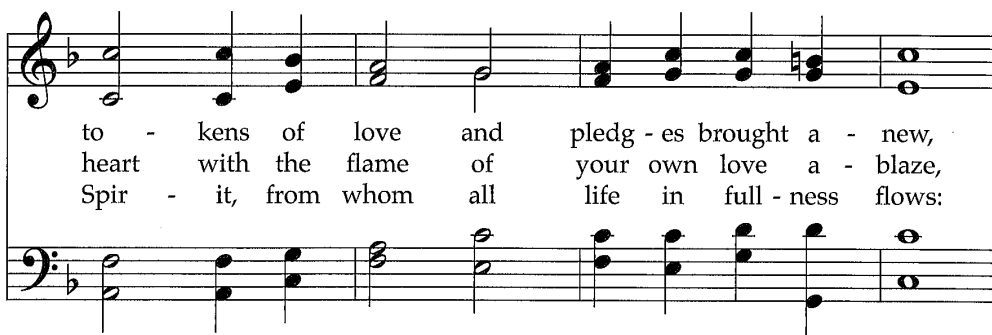
711 Lord of All Good



1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
2 We give our minds to un-der-stand your ways;
3 Fa-ther, whose boun-ty all cre-a-tion shows;



use them your ho-ly pur-pose to ful-fill,
hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de-sign;
Christ, by whose will-ing sac-ri-fice we live;



to-kens of love and pledg-es brought a-new,
heart with the flame of your own love a-blaze,
Spir-it, from whom all life in full-ness flows;



that our whole life is of-fered to your will.
till for your glo-ry all our powers com-bine.
to you with grate-ful hearts our-selves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.