



Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 22, 2021

PRELUDE

“Sonata No. 22”

Johann Pezel

Louie Eckhardt, trumpet

Dan Schmidt, trumpet

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

WELCOME

Bill Nottage-Tacey

INTROIT

“Abblasen”

Gottfried Reiche/Romm

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Where charity and love exist,

God is there among you.

Where two or three are gathered together in Jesus’ name,

There the love of Christ is present.

Where unity and peace prevail,

There the Holy Spirit reigns in power.

Where joy and praise are lifted up to heaven,

The light and love of the Triune God surrounds all who are assembled there.

*HYMN

“Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling” (Vs. 1,3)

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Sue Medsker, Song Leader

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

3. Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION

Whoever says they are without sin is self-deceived,

And a stranger to the truth.

But those who truly and sincerely confess their sins,

**Discover that God is faithful and just and ready to forgive their sins
and cleanse them from every kind of wrong.**

Let us enter into the temple of our hearts and admit to God our faults and failures:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we confess to You and to one another that we have not always loved You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as Jesus taught us to. Indeed, we admit that our imperfect love has caused division among us, resulting in harmful quarreling and destructive gossip. We have forgotten the truth that You who have eyes to see us, have seen what we have done, that You who have ears, have heard what we have said, that You who have a mind above all minds, have known all that we have thought for good or ill. Let Your Divine Light shine into the shadowy places of our lives and make them bright with the light of Your grace and the cleansing power of Your perfect love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lord, have mercy upon us,

Christ, have mercy upon us,

Lord have mercy upon us.

My sisters and brothers, if we are in Christ, we become new people altogether.

The past is dead and gone and everything becomes alive and new!

Therefore, I declare to you, you are forgiven!

You, too, are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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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.

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

God, source of all light and love, by your Word you give light to the soul and love to our hearts. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to your light and love so that in turn we may become beacons of your light and love in the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READINGS – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and Mark 10:2-9

ANTHEM

“Coldplay Mashup”

*Nathan Schaumann and
Eliot Johnson*

Eleanor Oliver & Laura Kate Oliver, Pianists

(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 – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

SERMON

“Perfect Symphony?”

Bill Nottage-Tacey

Summer Sermon Song Series on the song “Perfect Symphony” by Ed Sheeran and Andrea Bocelli

*HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail” (Vs. 1-6)

1. Where charity and love prevail, There God is ever found; Brought here together by Christ's love, By love we are thus bound.

4. Let strife among us be unknown, Let all contention cease; Be his the glory that we seek, Be ours his holy peace.

2. With grateful joy and holy fear Christ's charity we learn; Let us with heart and mind and soul Now love him in return.

5. Let us recall that in our midst Dwells God's begotten Son; As member of his body joined, We are in him made one.

3. Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess; And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.

6. No race nor creed can love exclude If honored be God's name; Our humanhood embraces all In Christ we are the same. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From Romans 8)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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/>

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

OFFERTORY “Den Yndigste Rose Fanfare” Frederik Magle

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

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

You have come close to each of us. You have extended to us your own special love and have given to us such special gifts. Thank you, God, for these. You gave us these gifts for a purpose. They are to be used by us to serve the needs of others. Give us courage, Lord, and the confidence, too, to take these gifts with us now as we go. Open our eyes and hearts to those we meet. Help us to see their need and to show your love and to use Your gifts that are invested in us to bring them hope and life. 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 “Come Down, O Love Divine” (Vs. 1,3) 282

1. Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

3. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling.
For none can guess God’s grace, till Love creates a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

*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

“Prelude and Fugue in D Major”
Linda Vollweiler, Organist

J.S. Bach

*(*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)*

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

July 18 - September 6 – Summer Sermon Song Series!

9:30am Worship in the Park

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

In-Person: No RSVP just come and join us!

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.
- **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.

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- ❖ **The radio broadcast** airs during the 10:30am service on KICS 1550AM and is given by JoAnn & Les Seiler.
- ❖ **Flowers** are given in memory of Phyllis & John Lainson by family and friends.
- ❖ **Ushers August Team #6:** Captain- Jim Harrenstein, Eric Brader, Chanda Essink
- ❖ **Greeters:**
 - August 22:** Jessica Meeske & Todd Pankratz- Memorial Room; Lori & Ted Schroeder-Narthex
 - August 29:** Mary Kay LaMaster, Jean Barber- Memorial Room; Peggy & Barry Thomson- Narthex

FORUM SERIES

*Wisdom
for the
Good Life*

*Four part series on biblical
wisdom literature
and our current lives*



SEPT 12, 19, 26 & OCT 3
9:15 AM | LYDIA ROOM

Sessions will be led by
Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh
and hosted both in person
and via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84337329785>

2021/2022 Youth & Adult Programs

Kick-Off Celebration

Sunday, August 29

please
join us

Families with Children

9:00am-10:20am: Bouncy House & Slide (supervision provided) in the playground area for children age 3 to 5th Grade. The staffed Nursery will be open for children 3 and under. Parents/Guardians drop your children off in the playground or nursery, and then gather in the Fellowship Hall for the information meeting.

9:15am-10:15am: Parents/Guardians will meet in the Fellowship Hall for Sunday School and Wednesday Night Live registration and parent information meeting followed by the adult activities/classes information meeting.

Families/Others without Children

9:45am-10:15am: Meet in the Fellowship Hall to hear about all of the Fall 2021 adult enrichment opportunities.

Take
Note

Wednesday Night Live activities will begin on **September 8.**

Sunday School (Children & Adult classes) will begin on **September 12.**

**Please keep these
people in your
hearts and prayers:**

Greg Howard ♥

Frank Georgiana ♥

Family of Arnold

Boehler ♥

Family of Jack

Stinson ♥

Lois Hafer ♥

Robin Koozer ♥

Rachael Lay ♥

Rich Portwood ♥

Lanae Hall's mother ♥

Pam & Don Canaday ♥

Bev Stein ♥

Melba Trehern ♥

Tommy Thomsen ♥

Brad Davis ♥

Chris Wheeler ♥

Carol & Frank

Medsker ♥

Shirley Gass ♥

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann

Elfond ♥

The Tut Ruei family ♥

Katherine Sachtleben ♥



USHERS TEAM #6 is in need of a member. If you have not been an usher before, this is the perfect opportunity for you to meet members face-to-face. We have 6 different teams that rotate through the

year, serving one month at a time. This means you'd only have one month of service twice a year, and substitutes are available if you need to miss a service.

If you already serve on a team that seems to have a few additional members, would you consider moving to Team #6? Please contact the office 402-462-5147 or email sarah@fpchastings.org.

Celebration of Life for Norris Swan



Monday, September 6th
Lochland Country Club
4:00pm-8:00pm

Message from Pastor Greg at 4:45pm

Our next **Synod Fall Gathering** is just around the corner, this September in Minden. We will be assembling CWS School Kits (Christian World Service) and have set up a table for donations in the Memorial Room. The items listed below are what is needed, anything you can supply is appreciated:

CWS School Kits

School kits give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning.



Here's what you'll need

- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- Three 70-count bound notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (please remove pencils from the package)
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with handles (solid color or kid-friendly fabric, no logos, reusable shopping bags or backpacks)

All items must be packed inside of the bag. The MyShopAngel website has an affordable CWS Kit bag for bulk purchase. Visit [cwskits.org/bag](https://www.cwskits.org/bag) to order. Or, [download our school bag pattern](#) and make your own!

Optional: Loose school kit items may be placed in a large Ziploc type bag to keep them together. Remove the air, seal the bag and place inside of the cotton/canvas bag.

Value: \$15.00

Processing fee: \$2.00 per kit

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Head of Church: Jesus Christ

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Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey

The Week Ahead:

TODAY 8/22	9:30a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	10:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Various
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
Monday 8/23	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers	PEACE Gym
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee	PEACE NW Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 8/24	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers	PEACE Gym
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee	PEACE NW Classroom
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	11:45a-1:15p	Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting	Fellowship
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
Weds 8/25	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers	PEACE Gym
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee	PEACE NW Classroom
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study	Zoom
	6:30p-9:00p	Woodcarvers	LL Church
Thursday 8/26	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers	PEACE Gym
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee	PEACE NW Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
Friday 8/27	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	LL Church
Sunday 8/29	9:30a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial
	10:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Various
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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CHRISTIAN LOVE C.M.

Latin hymn, ca. 9th century
Para. by J. Clifford Evers, 1960

Paul Benoit (b. 1893)

1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, There
 2. With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear Christ's
 3. For - give we now each oth - er's faults As
 4. Let strife a - mong us be un - known, Let
 5. Let us re - call that in our midst Dwells
 6. No race nor creed can love ex - clude If

God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er by Christ's
 char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and mind and
 we our faults con - fess; And let us love each oth - er
 all con - ten - tion cease; Be his the glo - ry that we
 God's be - got - ten Son; As mem - bers of his bod - y
 hon - ored be God's name; Our hu - man - hood em - brac - es

love, By love are we thus bound.
 soul Now love him in re - turn.
 well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.
 seek, Be ours his ho - ly peace.
 joined, We are in him made one.
 all In Christ we are the same. A - men.

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1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

SONG - Perfect Symphony

I found a love for me
Oh darling, just dive right in and follow my lead
Well, I found a girl, beautiful and sweet
Oh, I never knew you were the someone waiting for me

'Cause we were just kids when we fell in love
Not knowing what it was
I will not give you up this time
But darling, just kiss me slow, your heart is all I own
And in your eyes, you're holding mine

Baby, I'm dancing in the dark with you between my arms
Barefoot on the grass, listening to our favourite song
When you said you looked a mess, I whispered underneath my breath
But you heard it, darling, you look perfect tonight

You are my woman
Sei la mia donna

The strength of the sea waves
La forza delle onde del mare

Seize my dreams, my secrets, and much more
Cogli i miei sogni, i miei segreti, e molto di più

I hope that one day, the love that accompanied us
Spero che un giorno, l'amore che ci ha accompagnato

You become home, my family, you become us
Diventi casa, la mia famiglia, diventi noi

And we are still children but
E siamo sempre bambini ma

Nothing is impossible
Nulla è impossibile

This time I will not leave you
Stavolta non ti lascerò

You kiss me softly and I come back to exist
Mi baci piano ed io torno ad esistere

And in your gaze I will grow
E nel tuo sguardo crescerò

I dance with you, in the dark
Ballo con te, nell'oscurità

Clenched tight and then, barefoot us
Stretti forte e poi, a piedi nudi noi

Inside our music
Dentro la nostra musica

I watched you laugh and whispered I said
Ti ho guardata ridere e sussurrando ho detto

"You tonight, you see, are perfect for me"
"Tu stasera, vedi, sei perfetta per me"

I dance with you, in the dark
Ballo con te, nell'oscurità

Clenched tight and then, barefoot us
Stretti forte e poi, a piedi nudi noi

Inside our music
Dentro la nostra musica

I have always believed in us
Ho creduto sempre in noi

Because you are an angel and I have been waiting for you
Perché sei un angelo e io t'ho aspettato

How long have I waited for you
Quanto ti ho aspettato

Because you are perfect for me tonight
Perché tu stasera sei perfetta per me