



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
August 8, 2021
10:30am

PRELUDE “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” *arr. Charles Callahan*
Linda Vollweiler, Organist
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME *Damen Jensen-Heitmann*

OPENING QUESTION
What debts do you owe?

INTROIT “What a Mighty God We Serve” *arr. Jackson Henry*

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Damen Jensen-Heitmann*
In the midst of chaos, we come.
In the middle of grief and sorrow and worry, we gather.
When our lives are flooded with frustration and confusion, we draw close to one another.
When our hearts are overwhelmed with indignation and ire, we seek the soothing nature of God’s presence.
We gather to be reunited with our sisters and brothers, to hear their stories, share our tales, and marvel at how big their young ones have become.
We come to bask in love, the love of God, the love of people of faith, the love that casts out fear and resentment.
Through it all we are the people of God.
And so we gather.

*OPENING HYMN “While We Are Waiting, Come” 92
(Verses 1 & 2)

Linda and Richard Johnson, Song Leaders

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| 1. While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we while we are waiting, come. | 2. With power and glory, come;
with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come. |
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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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I confess, O God, that I don't forgive debts. I pray about it every week and yet I cling to them. Any perceived slight or offense becomes in my mind either a weapon I can use to cut someone down or a pedestal upon which I can place myself. I am, at times, a miser when it comes to love and charitable thoughts. I do, sometimes, forget the grace I've been given and fail to offer it to others. Have mercy, O God, and help me to release others from the debts I pretend they owe me.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

What debts do you hold against others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the glory of God's presence, our sins are forgiven.

In the light of such grace, we offer forgiveness to others.

With renewed hearts, we are ready again to meet the challenge of faith.

We commit ourselves once more to the pathways of love and peace.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"Glory Be to the Father"

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Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, 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

Within these sacred words, O God, let me hear not my own story only but also the story of my sisters and brothers. Let my heart find the place where your words meet our lives. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – Selected Passages from Genesis 25, 26, & 27

MESSAGE

"What *Do* You Get?"

Summer Sermon Song Series on "16 Tons" by Merle Travis
Offered by Dan Deffenbaugh & Byron Jensen

Lyrics by Merle Travis

Verse 1

Some people say a man is made outta mud
A poor man's made outta muscle and blood
Muscle and blood and skin and bones
A mind that's a-weak and a back that's strong

Refrain

You load 16 tons, what do you get?
Another day older and deeper in debt
St. Peter, don't you call me 'cause I can't go
I owe my soul to the company store

V2 I was born one mornin' when the sun didn't shine
I picked up my shovel and I walked to the mine
I loaded 16 tons of number nine coal
And the straw boss said, "Well, a-bless my soul"
You load 16 tons, what do you get?
Another day older and deeper in debt
St. Peter, don't you call me 'cause I can't go
I owe my soul to the company store

V3 I was born one mornin', it was drizzlin' rain
Fightin' and trouble are my middle name
I was raised in the canebrake by an ol' mama lion
Can't no high toned woman make me walk the line
You load 16 tons, what do you get?
Another day older and deeper in debt
St. Peter, don't you call me 'cause I can't go
I owe my soul to the company store

V4 If you see me comin', better step aside
A lotta men didn't, a lotta men died
One fist of iron, the other of steel
If the right one don't get you
Then the left one will
You load 16 tons, what do you get?
Another day older and deeper in debt
St. Peter, don't you call me 'cause I can't go
I owe my soul to the company store

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood
from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure,
cleansing from guilt and make me pure.

2. Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know,

could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone.
Thou must save, and thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring;
simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress,
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

*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.

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

OFFERTORY

“Meditation”

John Leavitt

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

Through these things that I offer, I make a gift of myself. May my words be used to lift up the forgotten. May my shoulders provide rest for the weary. May your spirit flow through my 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
(repeat once)

*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

“Joyous Day”

John Leavitt

(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!

Summer Sermon Song Series July 18 - September 5!

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

10:30am 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 8, 2021

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 Anna & Milferd Swedlund by family.

Ushers

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

Greeters

August 8: Jill Kramer- Memorial Room; Richard & Linda Johnson- Narthex

August 15: Jane Foote, Mary Fisk- Memorial Room; Carolyn & Richard McKenzie

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.
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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 Worship 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 8, 2021– August 15, 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 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
Mon, Aug 9		“Monday Check-in” Communication
		from Greg and Damen
	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers PEACE Center
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee Group PEACE NW Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	1st Pres Pickleball Open Gym
	7:00p-7:45p	Chorus of the Plains Choir Room
Tues, Aug 10	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers PEACE Center
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee Group PEACE NW Classroom
	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting via Zoom Conferencing
	12:00p-1:00p	Noon Bible Study Zoom/Anderson
	4:30p-5:30p	Global Mission Committee Zoom/Parlor
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Committee Zoom/Parlor
	6:00p- 7:00p	Trustees Meeting Zoom/Anderson
	6:00p- 8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club PEACE Center
Wed, Aug 11	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers PEACE Center
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee Group PEACE NW Classroom
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study via Zoom Conferencing
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers
Thurs, Aug 12	8:30a-9:30a	Walkers PEACE Center
	9:00a-10:00a	Walkers Coffee Group PEACE NW Classroom
	5:00p-6:00p	Personnel Committee Zoom/Anderson
	6:00p- 8:00p	Mexican Dance Class NE Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Pickleball Club PEACE gym
Fri, Aug 13	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies Middle School Youth Room
Sun, Aug 15	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-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store OPEN
	2:00p-4:00pm	Joyce Harrenstein Birthday Celebration
		Fellowship Hall



Our Place After School Care Inc.

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.



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.

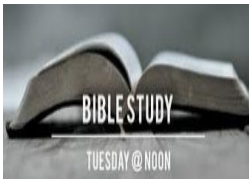


The next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 14, 2021**, from 12:00pm-6:00pm in Fellowship Hall. To donate or volunteer your time, please call Erica Brooks, FPC Parish Nurse, at 402-469-9285 or sign up at www.redcrossblood.org.



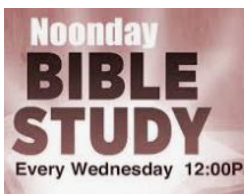
Would you like to volunteer at **United Harvest**? Please register on the United Harvest Facebook page. Shifts are 9:30am-12:00pm and 12:00pm-2:00pm.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community/United-Harvest-Mobile-Food-Pantry-1293737140705213/>



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.



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



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.

2021/2022 Youth & Adult Programs

*please
join us*

Kick-Off Celebration
Sunday, August 29

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**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR *Sunday School & Wednesday Night Live*

Interested in investing in the lives of children and serving God? We have an opportunity for you!

Whether it is once a month or every Sunday, we would love you to be part of our family! Please contact Steph at 402-462-5147 or Stephanie@fpchastings.org



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and open your home to the world.

Every year Hastings College welcomes international and music students to the Hastings community. We are inviting you to be a part of this cultural experience as a host or host family through a partnership in ministry with First Presbyterian Church. As a host, one must be able to offer support and conversation to students navigating their way into the Hastings community. Families will offer meals at designated dates over the course of the Fall 2021 semester and as needed will offer spiritual guidance, help with integration to college life, and in general offer words of mentorship & support, engagement and fellowship. In addition to this, the role of a host or host family requires flexibility as students navigate their college experience and ever changing schedules. We hope your commitment in this ministry will be welcomed.

Questions?

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Pastor Damen Jensen-Heitmann
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Important Dates:

- August 15th - Kick Off
- September-19th
- October -17th
- November - Thanksgiving Meal

*All meals will be held at
First Presbyterian Church
Following 10:30AM Worship
Service*



INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMS



92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands.
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side which flowed
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.
 all for sin could not a - tone. Thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



Though scholars discredit the story that this hymn was written when the author found shelter under a large rock during a thunderstorm, the popular appeal of that conjecture perhaps lies in the energy of this plea and the vividness of its imagery drawn from many biblical sources.

TEXT: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776, alt.
 MUSIC: Thomas Hastings, 1830, alt.

TOPLADY
 7.7.7.7.7

740 Lead Me, Guide Me

Capo 1: (D)
Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way, for if you
lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
I am weak and I need your strength and power to help me
o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the dark-ness your
face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(A) (D) (A7) (Em)
B^b E^b B^b7 Fm

(A) (D) (A7) (D)
B^b E^b B^b7 E^b

(A7) (B7) (Em) (D) (A7) (D)
B^b7 C7 Fm E^b B^b7 E^b Fine

(D) (B7) (Em) (A7) (Em)
E^b C7 Fm B^b7 Fm

(A) (D) (D) (D7)
B^b E^b E^b E^b7

(Em) (D) (A7) (D)
Fm E^b B^b7 E^b to Refrain

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This African American gospel hymn can well be understood as an updated adaptation of Psalm 5:8, with the "enemies" of the psalm treated as the pressures and temptations of daily life. As with the psalms, the "I" here is understood to express a shared communal experience.

TEXT: Doris Akers, 1953
MUSIC: Doris Akers, 1953; arr. Richard Smallwood
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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
Irregular