



**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
Hastings College Sunday
September 19, 2021**

PRELUDE

"Fantasia"

J.S. Bach

Linda Vollweiler, Clavanova

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

"Lead on, O King Eternal"

The Hastings College Choir, Directed by Dillon Beede

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Inspired by Psalm 54)

Dr. Rich Lloyd

Save us, O God, by your name, and vindicate us by your might.

Hear our prayers this morning, O God; give ear to the words of our mouths.

God is our helper; the Lord is the upholder of our lives!

We bring you our sacrifice of praise this morning, O God!

We will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

Come, let us worship God, who delivers us from trouble, invites us to love one another, and teaches us how to live the good life!

*HYMN

"God of the Fertile Fields" (vs. 1, 3-4)

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Sue Medsker, Song Leader

1) God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:

Forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned, that all in every land be clothed and fed.

2) As grows the hidden seed to fruit that serves our need, so your reign grows.

Let all our toil be used, no gift of yours abused, no humble task refused your love bestows.

3) God of the countryside, dear to the Christ who died to make us one:

We pledge our lives anew in faithful love to you. Guide all we say and do.
Your will be done.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of patience, your people grow weary and distracted. We complain and question. We put you to the test. Our mouths say yes, but our deeds say no. When we wander off your path, when we fail to follow through on our good intentions, when we give our attention to trivial things, gently call us back to you. Empty our hearts of bitterness and envy. Empty our souls of greed and selfish ambition. Empty our minds of doubt and mistrust. You taught us through Jesus' example of gentleness, service, and welcome. Teach us again. Reclaim us with your love.

SILENT CONFESSION

Question for contemplation: When has God called me to gentleness and mercy?
How have I failed or resisted that call?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends in Christ, our God is patient, steadfast, and understanding.
Christ hears our cries of repentance. The Lord knows our hearts, inside and out.
The One who created us promises to care for us, even when we turn away.
May we hear and believe these words of forgiveness once more:
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!
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.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.

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.

*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!

SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH & MINUTE FOR MISSION

REFLECTION ON HASTINGS COLLEGE

Dr. Rich Lloyd

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Teach us, O Lord, through these scriptures. Remind us again of your everlasting power. May we learn your story and our place within it. May your Word inspire us to claim your promise and share your love.

We are listening, Lord; speak to us today. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Mark 9:30-37

ANTHEM

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

MESSAGE “Living the Good Life: Gentleness, Wisdom, Welcome, and Peace”
Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” (vs. 1,4)

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1) Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last.

4) May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the consistency of God, the one who was, who is, and who shall be. We believe that God calls us to live beyond ourselves, always looking to the needs of others. We are invited to overflow with grace, to share mercy with others, and to live lives of empathy and joy. God provides for us all that we need. We rest contented in the hope and challenge of Jesus’ birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. We are guided by the Holy Scriptures and the continued revelation of the Holy Spirit. We are intricately bound up with one another. May we believe and live accordingly.

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://fpchastings.org/give-online/>

OFFERTORY

“Lutkin Benediction”

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

God of abundance, you fill us with good things; you satisfy our thirst; you meet our every need. Accept what we give in return: our hearts, our hands, our gifts, our love. Use them to answer the cries of a world in need. 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 “The Church of Christ in Every Age” (vs. 1, 3, 5)

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1)The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit-led, must
claim and test its heritage and keep on
rising from the dead.

in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in
Christ's humanity.

3)Then let the servant church arise, a
caring church that longs to be a partner

5)We have no mission but to serve in full
obedience to our Lord: to care for all,
without reserve, and spread Christ's
liberating word.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSES

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

“Trumpet Tune”

John Stanley

(The postlude serves as a musical blessing for worshipers as they transition out into the world.)

COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP NEXT WEEK &
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS!

8:30am: Worship in the Park – BLESSING OF THE PETS SERVICE!
10:30 am Tradition worship in the Sanctuary and broadcast live on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/fpchastings
(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)
10:30 a.m. service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM

September 19, 2021

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in memory of Marilyn Sachtleben by Katherine & Clyde Sachtleben, Kay & Kevin Chang and family, Tom & Camille and family.

FLOWERS are given in memory of Marilyn Sachtleben by Katherine & Clyde Sachtleben, Kay & Kevin Chang and family, Tom & Camille and family.

GREETERS 9/19/21: Lois & John Meeske-Memorial Room; Dixie & Gale McDonald-Narthex

GREETERS 9/26/21: Pam Lay and Vonda Essex-Memorial Room; Amy & Joe Black-Narthex

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Team #1 Chuck Hastings (Captain)

Luke Brooks

LaVern Franzen

Jessica Meeske

Todd Pankratz

Roger Sunderman

Elaine Specht

ACOLYTES 9/19/21: Charlie Ratzlaff and McKain Ratzlaff

ACOLYTES 9/26/21: Henry Black and Ruei Duang

CHILDREN'S MOMENT 9/19/21: Nancy Grams

NURSERY VOLUNTEER 9/19/21: Kristen Eckhardt

NURSERY VOLUNTEER 9/26/21: this could be you; contact Stephanie@fpchastings.org



Sunday, September 19th - Sunday September 26th

SUN 9/19	8:30a-9:30a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum Series	Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages	Various Locations
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World	Store Open
	10:30a-11:30a	Hastings College Sunday Worship	FPC & various
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World	Store Open
MON 9/20	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee MON-THUR	PEACE Gym/ NW Room
	1:00p-3:00p	First Presbyterian Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	Scoutmaster Resignation Meeting	Fellowship Hall
TUE 9/21	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor	Anderson/Zoom
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons Meeting	Fellowship/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Room
	8:15p-9:15p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Room
WED 9/22	9:30a-10:30a	PW Circles 1 and 2	Fellowship Hall
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study with Dan	Zoom
	1:15p-2:15p	PW Circle 3	Fellowship Hall
	4:00p-6:45p	1 st -5 th Wednesday Night Live	
	6:00p-6:45p	WNL Family Meal Time	Fellowship Hall
	6:20p-6:50p	Calvin/Westminster Bell Rehearsal	
	6:50p-7:30p	Calvin/Westminster Choir Rehearsal	
	7:30p-8:30p	6 th -12 th Youth Group	
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	LL Church
THURS 9/23	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Dance Class	PEACE NE Room
	6:30p-7:30p	Good Reads Book Club	Zoom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts Meeting	Fellowship Hall
FRI 9/24	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	LL Church
SUN 9/26	8:30a-9:30p	Blessing of Pets Worship in Park	Anderson Park
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum	Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages	Various
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World	Store Open
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Various

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.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESENTS:

REBOOKULOUSLY GOOD READS

A Faith & Spirituality Book Group

OUR FALL READ IS
HOME BY MARILYNNE ROBINSON

CONVERSATIONS HOSTED VIA ZOOM
SEPT 30, OCT 14, & OCT 28 AT
6:30PM



There is still time to read and join in the “Good Reads” online Book Club.

We still have a few copies of the book left in the church office, feel free to come pick one up, there is no charge.

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>

The forum series is off to a great start, and it is not too late for you to join in.

Meetings are held during the Sunday School hour 9:15am-10:15am in person in the Lydia Room or via Zoom.

Damen or Sarah are more than happy to email you the zoom link, just reach out and let us know where you'd like it sent.



1st Wednesday of the month includes a program and a meeting. PW Coordinating Team meets at 12:00pm and the PW group meets at 1:00pm.

October 6th presentation is Holy Land travels from 2019.

For more information, reach out to Mary Fisk or the church office.



***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

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Ministries: Stephanie Brader

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Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson

Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim & Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

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Get a free "blessed"
dog tag for each pet!



Blessing of the Pets



Join First Presbyterian Church of Hastings for our 5th annual Blessing of the Pets Service

Sunday, September 26 at 8:30am in Alexander Park

NW corner of 7th and Lincoln behind Great Western Bank

(Please bring your own chair)

ALL PETS AND THEIR PEOPLE ARE WELCOME!

If your pet(s) is not able to join in worship, bring a picture instead! ♥♥

God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

TEXT: Georgia Harkness, 1955, alt.

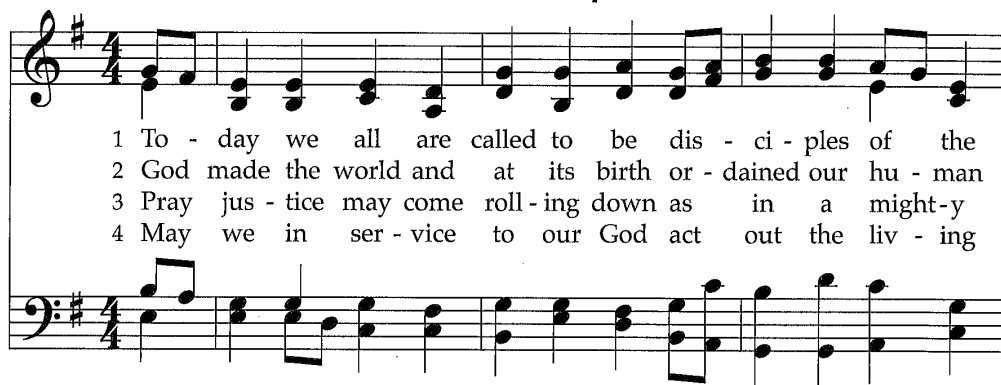
MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.

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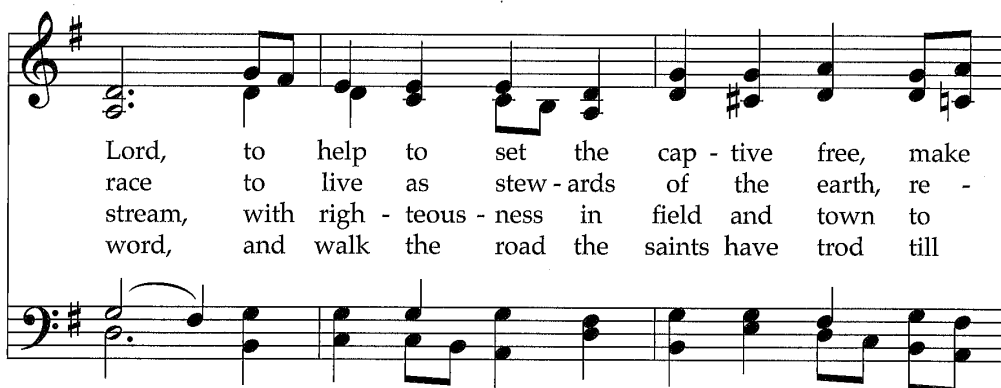
ITALIAN HYMN

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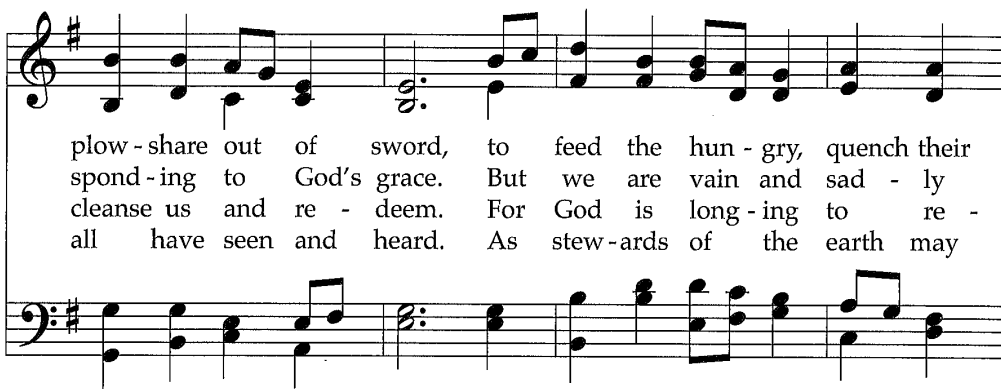
757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



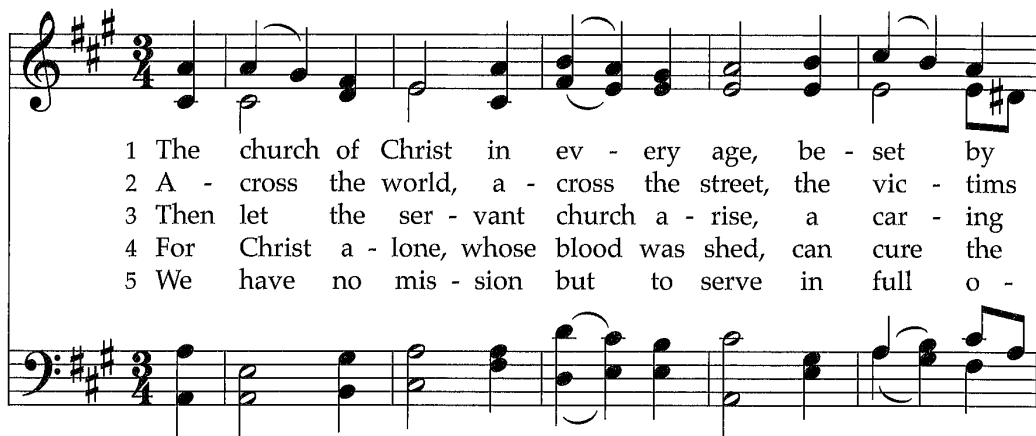
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

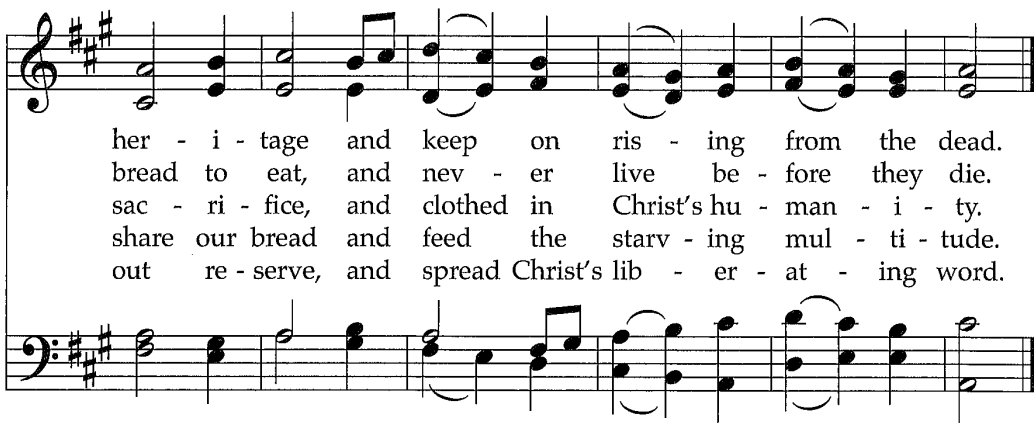
320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.