

PRELUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" *arr. Gayden C. Sikes*
Linda Vollweiler, Organist
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

OPENING QUESTION
Where do you find hope?

INTROIT "Simple Gifts" *Hall/McChesney*
Chancel Bells, Director Byron Jensen

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 104) *Damen Jensen-Heitmann*
Bless the LORD, O my soul!
O LORD my God, you are very great! You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.
You set the earth on its foundations so that it shall never be shaken.
O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD! Let us worship our loving and creative God this morning, full of hope for God's promises for us!

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.

*OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" 611
Morgan O'Neill, Song Leader

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee. *CONTINUES NEXT PAGE*

3. Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation and the hope that you give us, O God. All around us are reminders of what you offer to us, but we are weak and easily distracted or trapped in attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have given us life and love and hope. Yet so often we ignore or reject it. You have invited us to share life and love and hope with others. Yet so often we choose not to. Forgive our complacency, our greed, and our selfishness. Help us to let go of the desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry that proclaims your love for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

*How have I rejected the life, love, and hope that God shares with me?
When have I failed to share it with others?*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes.
And yet, in the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us over and over again.
Receive the forgiveness and love that God has offered to us!
**Let us live in God's hope! Let us seek to be hope for others! 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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Nancy Grams

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In these ancient stories, O God, help us to find ourselves. Help us to find the truth you have for us. Help us to encounter and embrace your living word. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Jeremiah 29:11-12

ANTHEM

“God of Amazing Grace”

Cathy Moglebust

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Hebrews 4:12-5:9

MESSAGE

“Hope from the High Priest!”

Greg Allen-Pickett

***HYMN**

“Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus” (vs. 1-2, 4)

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1. Since our great high priest, Christ Jesus, bears the name above all names, reigning Son of God, surpassing other titles, powers, and claims; since to heaven our Lord has passed, let us hold our witness fast!

2. Since we have a priest who suffered, knowing weakness, tears, and pain, who, like us, was tried and tempted, unlike us, without a stain; since he shared our lowly place, let us boldly seek his grace.

4. Love's example, hope's attraction, faith's beginning and its end, pioneer of our salvation, mighty advocate and friend: Jesus, high in glory raised, our ascended Lord, be praised!

***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.)*

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

“Prayer for Humanity”

Linda Lamb

***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**

Lord, everywhere we look, we see your creative love and are inspired to be people of hope. May the gifts we share today help to build that hope in the world. May our entire lives be dedicated to sharing your love and spreading your hope to a world in desperate need of love and hope. 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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

*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

“Trumpet Tune”

*Giuseppe Torelli/
arr. Drummond Wolff*

(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!

8:30 am: Worship in the Park

10:30 am Traditional 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

October 17, 2021

THE RADIO BROADCAST airs during the 10:30 am service, simulcast on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7 FM, and is given by JoAnn and Les Seiler.

FLOWERS are given in memory of Ruth and Hayes M. Fuhr by friends.

GREETERS 10/17/21: Jan Bolliger -Memorial Room; Carolyn & Rich McKenzie-Narthex

GREETERS 10/24/21: Kathy & Curtis Reimer -Memorial; Scott & Willy Kummer-Narthex

USHERS FOR OCTOBER: Team #2 Duane Huber (Captain)

Steve Illingworth Clyde Sachtleben Daveta Brader Lois Hafer

ACOLYTES 10/17/21: Caleb Schukei and Esther Allen-Pickett

ACOLYTES 10/24/21: Olivia Canady and Ryan Barker

NURSERY VOLUNTEER 10/17/21: Kristen Eckhardt

NURSERY VOLUNTEER 10/24/21: *VOLUNTEER NEEDED*

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

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Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim & Teresa Canady

Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

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Pam & Don Canady

Tut Ruei Family

Brad Davis

Family of Alana DeBellis

Carl Utley



Sun 10/17	8:30a-9:15a	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
		<i>No Sunday School Fall Break</i>	
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Various Options
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room
Mon 10/18	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee (<i>Mon-Thurs</i>)	PEACE Gym/NW Classroom
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	Boy Scouts	Scout Room
Tues 10/19	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:45p-7:45p	Deacons Meet	Fellowship Hall
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	8:15p-9:15p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
Wed 10/20	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Bible Study W/Dan	Zoom
	9:30a-10:30a	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	1:15p-2:15p	PW Circle 3	Library
	5:15p-6:15p	New Members Class	Lydia Room
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Portico
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal	Bell Room
		<i>No WNL Fall Break</i>	
Thurs 10/21	5:30p-7:30p	Session Meets	Anderson/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Fellowship Hall
Fri 10/22	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Youth Group Room
Sun 10/24	8:30a-9:15a	Worship in the Park (weather permitting)	Alexander Park
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School All Ages	Various Locations
	10:00a-10:30a	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:15a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Various Options
	11:30a-12:00p	Hands Around the World Store Open	Narthex/Memorial Room
	12:00p-2:00p	Music Staff Meeting Fall Calendar Dates	Choir Room





**UNDER
CONSTRUCTION**

→The PEACE Center HVAC construction has begun. Activities will continue as scheduled but please be aware that some areas may have restrictions. Construction is expected to last through the month of October.

→The elevator at the church will be getting new mechanics. Work is tentatively expected to take place between Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will keep you updated with specific days.



ADORATION

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus 262

1 Since our great high priest, Christ Je - sus, bears the name a -
 2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, know - ing weak - ness,
 3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - fering o - ver, now he sits at
 4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, faith's be - gin - ning

bove all names, reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing
 tears, and pain, who, like us, was tried and tempt - ed,
 God's right hand, crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,
 and its end, pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,

oth - er ti - tles, powers, and claims; since to heaven our
 un - like us, with - out a stain; since he shared our
 his pre - em - i - nence long planned; such a great high
 might - y ad - vo - cate and friend: Je - sus, high in

Lord has passed, let us hold our wit - ness fast!
 low - ly place, let us bold - ly seek his grace.
 priest we have, strong to help, su - preme to save.
 glo - ry raised, our as - cend - ed Lord, be praised!

Drawing on several passages in Hebrews (especially 4:14-16), this hymn celebrates the culmination of the Incarnation in Christ's exaltation, a source of encouragement to all who trust in this "pioneer of our salvation" (Hebrews 2:10, 12:2) who continues to intercede for us.

TEXT: Christopher M. Idle, 1973

MUSIC: *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1698; harm. William Henry Monk, 1861, alt.

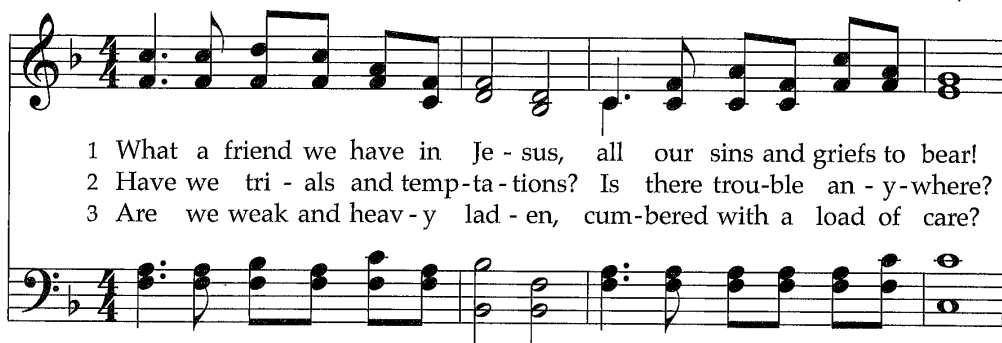
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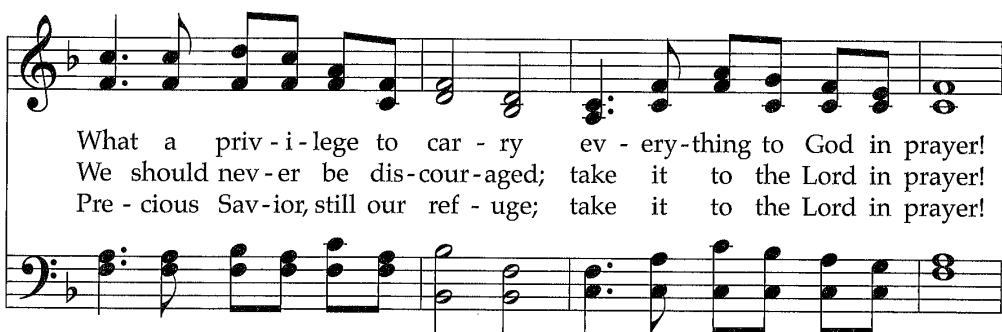
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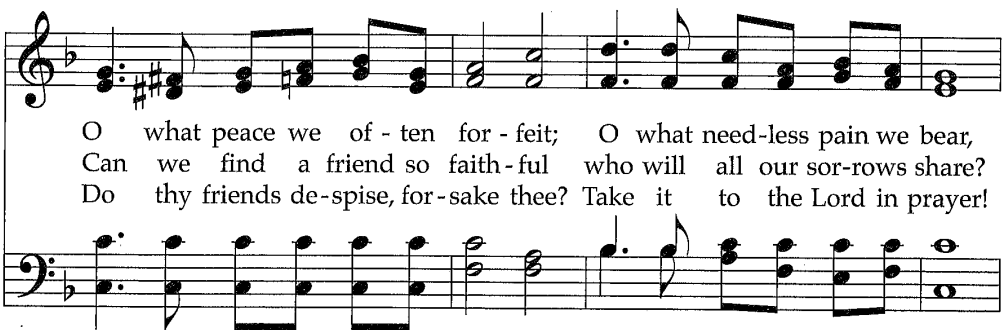
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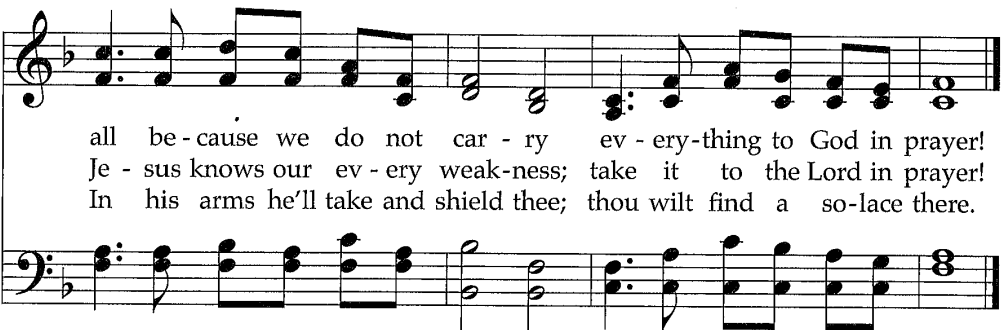
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

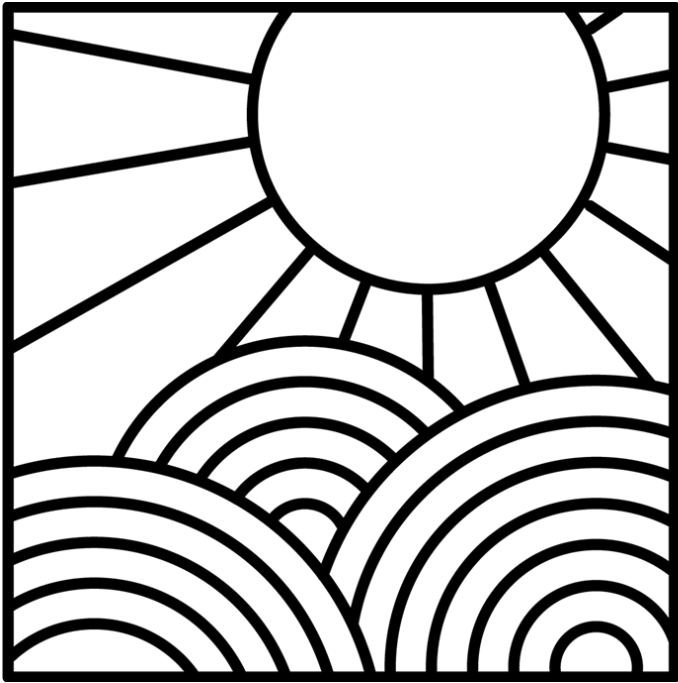


O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.



I WILL FULFILL TO YOU MY PROMISE AND BRING YOU BACK TO THIS PLACE. FOR SURELY I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, SAYS GOD, PLANS FOR YOUR WELFARE AND NOT FOR HARM, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE WITH HOPE.
+ JEREMIAH 29:10-11

Next week you will receive a letter in the mail describing our annual stewardship campaign, **“A Future with Hope”** inspired by Jeremiah 29. Included in that letter will be a pledge card and a “Time and Talent” sheet. You will also receive an email follow-up for those of you who receive emails from the church.

I hope you can sit down with your family over the next few weeks and prayerfully consider how God is calling you to support the work of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings and create a future with hope in 2022!

We ask that you return the pledge cards and the Time and Talent sheets to the church by Sunday, October 31. That will be the last Sunday of our stewardship campaign, and we will say a prayer of blessing over the pledges as we prepare the budget for 2022.

It is vitally important that we do receive your pledge cards so that we can faithfully build our church’s budget for the coming year. And remember, the pledge card is simply an estimate of giving. If your family circumstances change in 2022, your giving can change as well.

Thank you for your steadfast support of First Presbyterian Church of Hastings. May the stewardship campaign this year and our pledges be a symbol of hope for a bright future filled with the love and light of Christ!

