



PRELUDE

“Blessed Assurance”

Linda Vollweiler, organ

Phoebe Knapp/

arr. Dale Wood

(The prelude is an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT

“My God”

Nathan Jensen, soloist-bass

Frank Palma

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 27)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

The LORD is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

One thing we ask of the LORD:

To live in God’s presence all the days of our lives! To behold the beauty of the LORD!

This morning let us sing and make melody to the LORD.

Hear us, O LORD, be gracious to us and answer us!

Teach us your ways, O LORD, teach us this morning and every day.

We believe that we shall see the goodness of the LORD here today.

Come, let our hearts take courage as we praise and worship God!

*HYMN

“My Life Flows On: How Can I Keep from Singing?”

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There is a certain winter in our spirits today, O Lord. We feel that the journey on which we have embarked will demand too much of us. It takes too much discipline to be your disciple and follow you. There are so many other things in our lives that distract us and claim our spirits, our energy, our hopes, and our fears. The world shouts its solutions to us and then deserts us when we are in need. Forgive us

for the many times in which we have strayed from your pathway of life, when we have chosen not to hear the cries of those in need, when we have belittled the gifts and skills you have given us in order to avoid serving others. Forgive us when we don't show the discipline that is required to follow your path for us. Heal us, O Lord. Place us back on your path, for we ask this in Jesus' name.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When God called your name,

God called me to a journey of faith.

Do not be afraid to look inside to see those things that are holding you back from being who God created you to be.

I place my trust in God, who is always with me.

In the name of Christ who journeys with us, we are forgiven and loved.

Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

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*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 with 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.
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SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jane Marsh

(While the children come down, the congregation will sing “This Little Light of Mine”.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by your Word, you provide all we need for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life.

Now draw us close to you through your Word so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 13:31-35

ANTHEM

“Our God to Whom We Turn”
Chancel Choir - Robin Koozer, director

Bach/Fritsch
arr. R. Koozer

Today's Chancel Choir anthem, "**Our God to Whom We Turn**", utilizes two familiar hymn tunes. The first is a chorale from J.S. Bach's Cantata No. 26, "**Was frag ich nach der Welt**" (What need I of this world), composed in 1724. The second, composed by German composer, Alasuerus Fritsch is "**O Gott, du Frommer Gott**" (Oh God, you righteous God). The text is by **Edward Grubb** (19 October 1854 – 23 January 1939). Grubb was an influential English Quaker who made significant contributions to revitalizing pacifism and a concern for social issues in the Religious Society of Friends in the late 19th century as a leader of the movement known as the Quaker Renaissance. He would later play a major role in the No-Conscription Fellowship, an organization that united and supported conscientious objectors in Britain during World War One.

Initially, the text spoke to me as a message for the season of Lent. Recent events in Ukraine have brought to me additional meaning and interpretation of the text. I hope you find my interweaving of the two tunes, as well as the text, to be meaningful.

-RRK

Verse 1: Our God, to whom we turn when weary with illusion, whose stars serenely burn above this earth's confusion. Thine is the mighty plan, the steadfast order sure in which the world began, endures, and shall endure.

Verse 2: Thou art Thyself the truth: Though we who fain would find Thee. Have tried with thoughts uncouth in feeble words to bind Thee. It is because Thou art, we're driven to the quest: Till truth from falsehood part, our souls can find no rest.

Verse 3: All beauty speaks of Thee: the mountains and the rivers, the line of lifted sea where spreading moonlight quivers. The hymns thy people raise, the psalms and anthems strong hint at the glorious praise of Thy eternal song.

Verse 4: Where goodness comes to light, we glimpse thy plan unfolding: where justice wins its fight, Thou art the Kingdom molding; the blood of friend as sign of love for comrade split, reflects the vast design by which the house is built.

Verse 5: Thou hidden font of love, of peace, and truth, and beauty, inspire us from above with joy and strength for duty. May thy fresh light arise within each clouded heart and give us open eyes to see Thee as Thou art.

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Philippians 3:17-4:1

SERMON "**Character and Calling: Discipline**" Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "Jesus Calls Us" 720

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes)
We believe in God, who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation, in our lives, and in all people. We follow Christ, who embodied God's love. In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection, and his granting to us of his Spirit, he filled us with that love as well. We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us. In that love, we participate in the Church, the Body of Christ, in

loving God by loving our neighbors through our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God. We thank God and ask God's blessings, that we may love in the name of Christ and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. 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

"From Everlasting to Everlasting"
Chancel Bell Choir - Byron Jensen, director

Julie Turner

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Faithful God, you have kept your promises to us.
Our gifts and our lives give witness to your abundant blessings.
May we faithfully keep our promises to you.
Strengthen our commitment to live disciplined lives as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Take these gifts and our lives as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care-- to live without fear, to trust your love without reservation. Amen.***

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

"God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me" (vs. 1,4-5)

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*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

"Festive Voluntary"

*Henry Purcell/
arr. Lani Smith*

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

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(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)
10:30am service will also be broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM and 92.7 FM

Today's service will also be broadcast on T.V. this Tuesday at 1:00pm and
next Sunday at 9:00am on channel 181.

8:30am – CONTEMPLATIVE TAIZÉ-STYLE SERVICE

9:15am – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

10:30am – TRADITIONAL SERVICE

March 13, 2022

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in loving memory of Carl Sanderson by the Sanderson family.

THE FLOWERS at the pulpit are given in loving memory of Carl Sanderson by the Sanderson family.

USHERS FOR March: Team #1, Captain Chuck Hastings

LaVern Franzen, Jessica Meeske, Todd Pankratz, Roger Sunderman, Elaine Specht

GREETERS FOR March:

MARCH	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
6	Gayle Fandry	May Wierenga	Ann Bohlke/Katharine Davis
13	Mary Kay LaMaster	Jean Barber	Amy & Joe Black
20	Sally Smith	Sue Medsker	Cathy & John Pershing
27	Stephanie Bliss		Laurie & Brian Johnson

♥ Do you have someone you would like to memorialize or honor by adding their name to the flowers at the pulpit? We have both Sunday, March 31 and Sunday, April 3 available. If you are interested, please call Sarah at the church office for details: 402-462-5147.

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Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Mary Lewis
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Tommy Thomsen
Rich Portwood
Tony Davis
Stan Essink
Elaine Schumacher

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Pam & Don Canady
Tut Ruel Family
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Jenni Welsch
Marie & Don Rasmussen
Carl Utley
Shirley Gass
Steven Gass (Shirley Gass' son)
Leila Merwin (Lanae Hall's mother)
Greg Howard (Georgie Evan's son-in-law)
Melba Trehern (Lisa Unger's mom)
Chris Wheeler (Carol Wheeler's son)
Betty Siemoneit family

IN LOVING MEMORY

Glenn Hunnicutt 1/13/22
Connie Kubicka 1/22/22
Frank Georgiana 2/19/22
Rachel Lay 3/15/22



United Harvest Mobile Food Pantry Receives Grant from Hastings Community Foundation: The United Harvest food ministry distributes 30-40,000 pounds of food on the third Saturday of every month, no questions asked, to local families in need. Most of the food that is distributed comes from the Food Bank of the Heartland in Omaha. During the pandemic, however, the United Harvest Board of Directors has been purchasing frozen hamburger from Custom Pack in order to supplement the protein provided by the Food Bank of the Heartland's pre-packaged food boxes. On occasion, the number of recipients arriving at a given monthly distribution is greater than the number of food boxes available. In these cases, United Harvest team members distribute grocery gift cards so that recipients do not leave empty-handed. To replenish the store of grocery gift cards and to replenish the budget, which had been reduced by purchases of nearly 500 lbs. of hamburger per month for multiple months, United Harvest Board members applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Hastings Community Foundation.

THANK YOU, HASTINGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION!!





Blood Drive
Hastings First Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, March 29, 2022
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**COVID
antibodies
testing available
at this drive; not
only if you have
them, but at
what level too!**

For an appointment, contact Erica @ 463-0402



Come give blood in March and get a \$10 e-gift card, from our partners at Fanatics! PLUS, get a chance to win a trip to the 2022 MLB All-Star Game in LA, including round-trip airfare and 4-night hotel accommodations for 2! See rcblood.org/team for details.



Schedule a blood donation appointment today:

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The Scholarship Committee has announced 2 different scholarships for college students for the 2022-2023 academic year. Information on each scholarship is printed and can be picked up on the bookshelves outside the church offices, or by contacting William Oliver at WilliamTOliver@gmail.com



If you wish to have yours or a loved one's name added to or removed from the prayer list, please call the church office at 402-462-5147.



Due to medical and hospital privacy regulations, in order for the church to know if you or a family member have been admitted, please take a moment to call the church office to let us know 402-462-5147.

Please keep in mind, we can't always know what is happening unless you keep us informed.

Emergency response to Ukraine war



As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. And in the midst of the chaos, there are sibling churches and ecumenical partners who are already providing assistance with basic items for survival. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

GIVE: To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, designate gifts to DR000156 . You can also text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate. Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/UK22, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check using the below reply device.

ACT: Urge the U.S. government to support generous aid for refugees and civilians suffering in Ukraine, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

PRAY: *May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help.*

May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly.

May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy.

May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace.

And in this Lenten season, when we walk the way toward death and resurrection, repent our complicity in cultures of violence and renew our efforts toward justice and peace.

-Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



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Please detach the reply form and return it with your gift to your church; or enclose it in an envelope with your check and mail it to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Presbyterian Mission

UK22-B1

SUN 3/13	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Worship Service	Sanctuary
		<i>No Sunday School All Ages</i>	
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
MON 3/14	8:00a-10:30a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Gym Mon-Thurs
	10:30am	Rachel Lay Funeral	Sanctuary
		Rachel Lay Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12:30-3:00p	PEO Chapter HT	Lydia Room
	1:00p-3:00p	1 st Pres. Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
TUES 3/15	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson Room/Zoom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	6:45p-7:45pm	Deacons Meet	Anderson Room
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
WED 3/16	9:00a-10:30a	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club	Zoom sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:15p-2:15p	PW Circle 3	Library
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	4:00p-6:00p	WNL 1 st -5 th	Fellowship Hall Check-In
	6:00p-6:45p	Family Meal	Fellowship Hall
	6:45p-7:45p	6 th -12 th Youth Group	Youth Group Rooms
	7:45p-8:15p	Cal/West Choir Rehearsal	Fellowship Hall
	8:15p-8:40p	Cal/West Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres. Pickleball Open Gym	PEACE Gym
	6:45p-7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Memorial Room
	7:30p-8:15p	Chancel Bell Rehearsal	Bell Room
THURS 3/17	5:30p-7:30p	Session Meets	Fellowship Hall/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	Scout Room
FRI 3/18	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
SAT 3/19	9:30a-1:00p	United Harvest	PEACE Center
SUN 3/20	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Worship Service	Sanctuary
	9:15a-10:15a	Forum: The Risks of the Passion	Lydia Room/Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent	Anderson Room/Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Sunday School	Education Wing Rooms by Age
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
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