

First Presbyterian Church Hastings



May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday
Of Easter

PRELUDE

“Though I May Speak”

arr. Dale Wood

Linda Vollweiler, organ

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

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

CHORAL INTROIT

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

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Praise and Alleluia Choirs, Teresa Canady-director; Mary Plock-accompanist

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 23)

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Come! Let us worship and praise God.

The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian, and our guide.

Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us and comfort us.

Even though difficulties happen in our lives, still God is with us.

God surrounds us with God’s love and bounty.

Surely God’s mercy accompanies us on our journey.

And we will dwell in God’s house forever. Come, let us worship God!

*HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (vs. 1-2, 4)

366

Tyler Koepp, song leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; and you asked us to love you by loving others. But sometimes we struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. We do not know and bear one another’s burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again.

SILENT CONFESSION & QUESTION FOR CONTEMPLATION

How have I failed to love Jesus and love others?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Long ago, Jesus said to his disciples, “You did not choose me, but I chose you!”

Jesus speaks these words to us today.

Jesus chose us, Jesus loves us, and Jesus forgives us.

He invites us to share his great work of love. Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

582

*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

(Please pass the Friendship Pads and sign in to let us know you were here this morning.)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Jane Marsh

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Love, do not let us grow weary of living our lives according to the example of Jesus. As we read your Holy Word today, may it inspire us to remember that loving Christ and loving one another is a high calling. May hearing your Word read and proclaimed remind us that we bear Jesus’ love and life within our very being— a powerful gift for our world. Out of this gift, may we bear the fruit of love. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts”

Saint-Saens/arr. Ward

Calvin/Chancel Bell Ringers, Byron Jensen- director

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – 1 John 4:7-12, 19-21

CHORAL ANTHEM

“A Mother’s Love”

Praise and Alleluia Choirs, Teresa Canady- director; Mary Plock-accompanist

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – John 21:1-19

SERMON

“Who do you love?”

Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Based on 1 John 4, written by Greg Allen-Pickett)

I believe in God the creator, who created the whole world and each one of us out of love because God is love. Even though I have never seen God, I have felt God’s loving presence in my life.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God revealed to us. I believe that Jesus was sent into the world so that we might learn from his example of love, and so that we might live through his ultimate act of self-sacrificial love.

I believe in the Spirit of God, who abides in us. Every time I share an act of kindness or compassion in the world or an act of kindness or compassion is shared with me, that is evidence of the Spirit of God abiding with us because when we love one another, God’s Spirit lives in us.

I believe that the church exists to enact God's love in the world. Through the work of the church, we confess that Jesus is the Son of God, we acknowledge that all are beloved children of God, and we seek to perfect God's love in us and the world.

I believe that I am called to live my faith boldly and unafraid because love casts out fear. I believe that because God loves us so much, we also ought to love one another as an outward and visible manifestation of our faith. Amen.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY "This Little Light of Mine" arr. Ken Berg
Calvin Choir, Linda Johnson-director; Mary Plock-accompanist

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, O God. Send them into the world as a sign and song of your joyous work of love. Use these gifts and our lives to help us share your love and offer your welcome to friends and strangers alike. 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 "We Are One in the Spirit" 300

*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 "Festive March in D Major" W.Rebikoff/
arr. David Paxton

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

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

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THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in by Justin, Kili, Selah, and Carter Wenburg in memory of Rogene Wenburg, beloved mother and grandmother.

THE FLOWERS at the pulpit are given in memory of Phyllis Glass & Dorothy Christenson.

USHERS for May: Team #3, Captain Dave Fisher

Andrew Barrows, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

GREETERS for May:

MAY	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
1		Daveta & Dick Brader	Lynette & Paul Krieger
8	Kili & Justin Wenburg		Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
15	Kim & Gaylon Hermann		Connie & LaVerne Franzen
22	Dixie & Gale McDonald		Jane & Chuck Bauer
29	Sarah Allen		Pat & Dick Kleiber



PW Mother's Day Offering

PW will be in the Memorial Room April 24, May 1 and May 8 or you can mail your donation to the church office. Checks should be made out to PW, in memo line please indicate Mother's Day Offering. Money will go towards recovery program materials and child care for mothers who need it to attend meetings.

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS??



The First Presbyterian Church would love to receive your gently used winter coats for our coat drive that will be held in October.

Coats of all sizes are needed for Men, Women and Children.
(Adult XL and XXL are in high need)



Donations accepted now through October at these Hastings locations:
First Presbyterian Church,
Pershing Orthodontics.

Thank you in advance!!

A Benefit
Concert for UKRAINE



May 10th, 7pm
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
621 N LINCOLN AVE.,
HASTINGS, NE 68901

Join us for an evening of music provided by HC students and faculty. Free-Will donations are welcome and will benefit the Sunflower for Peace Organization.

Refreshments provided by SAL.



PRAYERS FOR:

Rich Portwood	Mary Lewis	Melba Trehern
Shirley Gass	Stan Essink	Jeni Howard
Taralyn Davis & family	Barry Thomson	Chris Wheeler
Dave Schawang	Selah Wenburg & family	Cheryl Ann Elfond
Elaine Schumacher	Stephen Gass	Anne Bohlke
Jenni Welsch	Michael Hahne	Tut Ruei & family
Carl Utley	Tommy Thomsen	Brad Davis
Joan Shaw	Irina Belikova-Erickson	Lanae Hall & family
Ramona Shetler	Marie & Don Rasmussen	Bev Stein
Bob Johnson	Jim Wray's family	Greg Howard

IN MEMORY OF: Jim Wray 4/29/2022

5.8.22

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
Sharing the love of Christ in the heart of Hastings since 1873

Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Director of Children & Family
Ministries: Rose Koepp
Organist and Music Coordinator: Linda Vollweiler
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Teresa & Tim Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist: Mary Plock
Scholar in Residence: Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh

Ministers: Members of the Church
Associate Pastor: Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann
Parish Associate: Kili Wenburg
Bookkeeper: Deb Hamburger
Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Robin Koozer
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Church Office Administrator: Sarah Allen
Facilities Manager: Tony Calhoun
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey



If you wish to have 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 loved one has been admitted, we ask that you please call the church office to let us know. Please keep in mind, we can't always know what is happening unless you keep us informed.

402-462-5147

SUN 5/8	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Worship	Chapel
Mother's Day	9:15a-10:15a	Forum: Ecotheology 3 of 3 (Last forum until fall)	Lydia Room/Zoom/YouTube
	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent	Anderson Room/Zoom
	9:15a-10:15a	Youth Sunday School (Last day/out for summer)	Education Wing
	10:00a-10:30a	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	10:30a-11:30a	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30a-12:00p	HAW Store Open	Between Narthex/Memorial Room
	3:00p	Hastings College Choir Concert	Sanctuary
MON 5/9	8:30a-10:00a	Walkers/Walkers Coffee	PEACE Gym (Mon-Thurs)
	1:00p-3:00p	1st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
TUES 5/10	10:30a-11:30a	Staff Meeting	Zoom
	12:00p-1:00p	Bible Study with Pastor Greg	Anderson Room/Zoom
	4:00p-5:00p	Global Mission Meets	Confirmation Room
	5:30p-6:30p	Congregational Life Meets	Anderson Room
	6:00p-7:00p	Trustees Meet	Kessler Room
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
	7:00p	HC Ukraine Benefit Concert	Sanctuary
WED 5/11	12:00p-1:00p	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com for link
	2:00p-3:30p	Hearts & Hands Meal Packing	PEACE Center
	5:00p-7:00p	WNL Year-End Picnic	Libs Park
	6:30p	Chancel Choir and Bell Choir Year-End Gathering	Fellowship Hall
	6:30p-7:30p	1 st Pres Open Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	6:30p-9:00p	Wood Carvers	Lower-Level Church
THURS 5/12	6:00p-8:00p	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	6:00p-8:00p	Hastings Pickleball Club	PEACE Gym
	7:00p-8:00p	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
FRI 5/13	10:00a-12:00p	Mahjong Ladies	Church Room 111
	3:00p-6:00p	HC Teacher Ed. Student Reception	Fellowship Hall
	6:00p	HC Baccalaureate Service	Sanctuary
SAT 5/14	3:00p-8:00p	Private Graduation Party	Fellowship Hall
SUN 5/15	8:30a-9:15a	Taizé Worship	Chapel
	9:15a-10:15a	Heirs Apparent	Anderson Room/Zoom
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