April 16, 2023
Second Sunday Of Easter

PRELUDE "Canzona per sonare No. 2" *Giovanni Gabrieli*
Cathedral Brass
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Cathedral Acclamation" *Nolan Schmitt*
Cathedral Brass

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on The Brief Statement of Faith) Damen Jensen-Heitmann

Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.
We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!
Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.
We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!
Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.
We welcome the risen Christ! Come, let us worship and adore him!

*HYMN "On Earth has Dawned this Day of Days" *arr. Jeremy Bankson*
Organist Linda Vollweiler, Chancel Choir, Cathedral Brass and Congregation,
director Brett Epperson (insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION "Kyrie" *Jongen Mass*
Translation: *Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy*

CONFESSION & QUESTIONS FOR CONTEMPLATION
As the choir sings the prayer of confession, reflect on: your skepticism and doubts and your need for Christ's mercy. How are you called to respond to the risen Christ, and how are you falling short in your response?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said:
'Peace be with you'
Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ's peace.
Alleluia. Amen.

*RESPONSE "Glory to God" 582

*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.)

In this cold and flu season, we are encouraging safety. Instead of shaking hands or hugging, you can 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 sharing some other appropriate sign.

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SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN Nancy Grams
While the children are coming forward, the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Savior God, you've gifted us with the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide. Open us to the Spirit's breath. Carry us on the wings of your wisdom. Set us on the solid foundation of your Word read and proclaimed. May we hear the truth you intend for us today. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – 1 Peter 1:3-8

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – John 20:19-31

MESSAGE **"Jesus meets us where we are"** Greg Allen-Pickett

*HYMN "Thine is the Glory" 238

SUNG AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Credo" from Jongen Mass

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem,
factorem caeli et terrae,
visibilium omnium, et invisibilium.
Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum,
Filium Dei unigenitum,
et ex Patre natum ante omnia saecula,
Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine,
Deum verum de Deo vero,
genitum non factum, consubstantialem Patri,
per quem omnia facta sunt.
Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem
descendit de caelis.
Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine,
et homo factus est. Crucifixus etiam pro nobis
sub Pontio Pilato, passus et sepultus est.
Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum
scripturas. Et ascendit in caelum:
sedet ad dexteram Patris.
Et iterum venturus est cum gloria,
iudicare vivos et mortuos:
cuius regni non erit finis.
Et in Spiritum Sanctum Dominum
et vivificantem: qui ex Patre Filioque procedit,
qui cum Patre et Filio simul adoratur
et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per prophetas.
Et [in] unam sanctam catholicam
et apostolicam ecclesiam. Confiteor unum
baptisma in remissionem peccatorum.
Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum,
et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen.

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten son of God,
born of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, light of light,
very God of very God,
begotten not made, being of one substance
with the Father, by whom all things were made.
Who for us men, and for our salvation,
came down from heaven.
And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man. And was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate, he suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again according to
the scriptures. And ascended into heaven:
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the quick and the dead:
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And in the Holy Spirit, Lord and
giver of life: who proceedeth from the Father and Son,
who with the Father and Son is worshipped
and glorified: who spoke by the prophets.
And in one holy, catholic
and apostolic church. I acknowledge one
baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

(All loose coins in the offering plate will be donated to the 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/

First Presbyterian Church

Donation QR Code

OFFERTORY "Gloria" from Jongen Mass

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 609

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Risen and redeeming God, you have given us more than we could ever give you in return. You are gracious and generous in your love. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. 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 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" 245

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"The Lord Bless You" *Written by: Brett Epperson*

Chancel Choir, director Brett Epperson

*POSTLUDE "Sonata from Die Bänkelsängerlieder" *Anonymous*

Cathedral Brass

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

8:30 AM – CONTEMPLATIVE COMMUNION SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL
9:15AM – SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES
10:30 AM – TRADITIONAL SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY WITH RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING SENIORS

The 10:30 service is also broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM streamed live at:
www.facebook.com/fpchastings
(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in honor of the Morhart and Kovar children.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Kevin Charles Heineman, Mary Alice and Joe Heineman by family and friends.

USHERS April (Team #2)- Captain – Duane Huber, Steve Illingworth, Daveta Brader, Lois Hafer, Dick Brader

April Greeters

APRIL	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
Palm Sunday 2	Teresa Luther		Lois & John Meeske
Easter 8:30a	Julie Thomsen		Melissa Davis
Easter 10:30a	Kay Georgiana	Jan Ham	Cathy & John Pershing
16	Julie Thomsen		Lynne Friedewald & Chuck Shoemaker
23	Kathy Utter	Kim Creech	Help Needed
30	Help Needed		Melissa Davis

We are in need of Greeters for April 23 and April 30. Please let Melissa know in the Church office (402-462-5147 or melissa@fpchastings.org) if you are able to help out. Thanks!

Sunday 4/16	8:30am	Contemplative Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Confirmation /Sunday School	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary/Facebook/Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	3pm-4pm	Cathedral Brass Concert	Sanctuary
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
Monday 4/17	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	5:30pm	Go & Serve meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains	Choir Room
Tuesday 4/18	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	6:45pm	Deacons	Anderson Room
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 4/19	9:30am	PW Circles 1 & 2	Parlor
	11:55am	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:15pm	PW Circle 3	Library
	5-6:45pm	PreK-5th grade WNL	Various
	5:30pm	Session Meeting	Anderson Room
	6:45pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
	7:30pm	Chancel Bells	Bell Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers meet	Basement
Thursday 4/20	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 4/21	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
Saturday 4/22	8am-5pm	Hearts & Hands Against Hunger event	PEACE Center
Sunday 4/23		*Senior Recognition Sunday*	
	8:30am	Contemplative Service	Chapel
	9:15am	Sunday School/Confirmation Class	Various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	various

On Earth Has Dawned this Day of Days

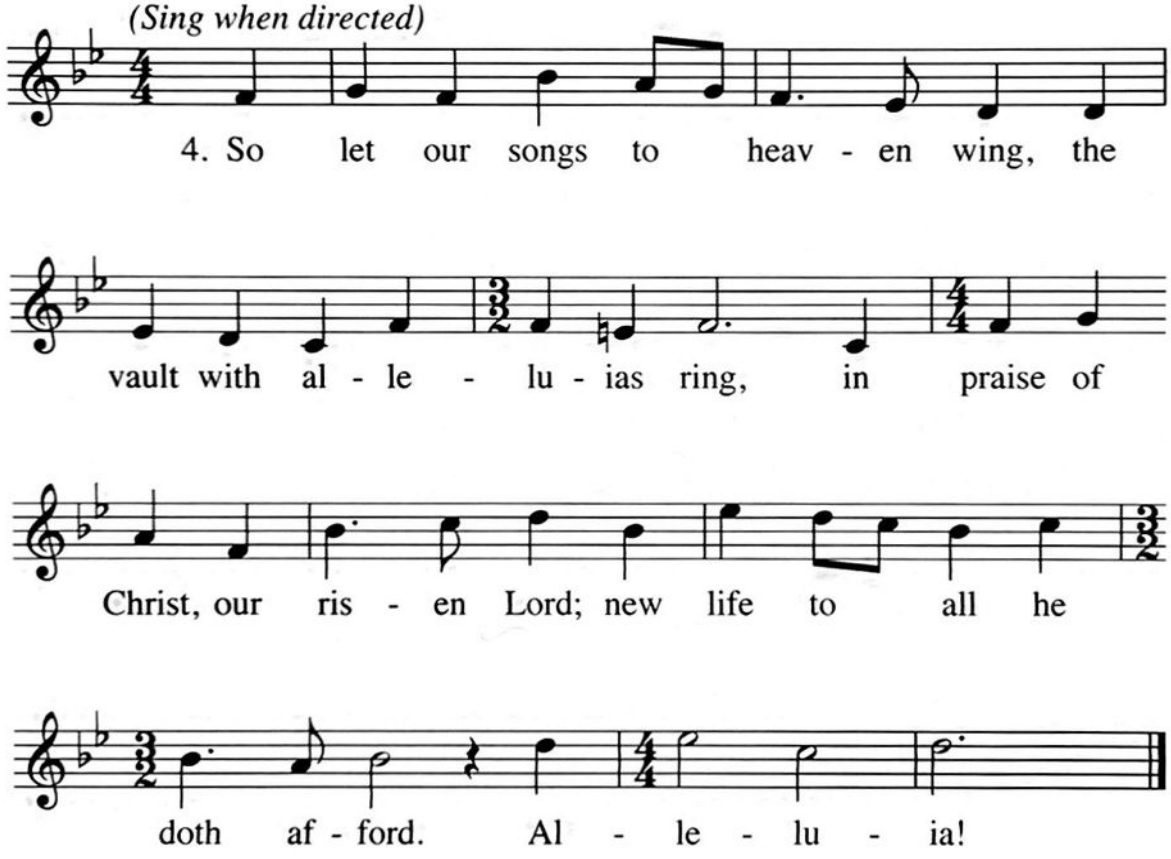
Choir:

1. On earth has dawned this day of days, whereon the faithful give God praise!
For Christ is risen from the tomb, and light and joy have conquered doom.
Alleluia!

2. At early morn, with spices rare, the women three assembled there,
all to anoint fair Mary's Son, who over death had vict'ry won.
Alleluia!

3. "Whom seek ye here?" the angel said; "The Lord is risen from the dead;
see where he lay; let joy begin, the tomb is empty: enter in!"
Alleluia!

All:



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Give Hope to Guatemala

Volunteer to help pack 150,000 life-saving meals

Many Guatemalan children and families do not have enough food to eat. That's why the Thrivent Member Network in Nebraska is partnering with Hearts & Hands Against Hunger of Hastings to pack meals for Guatemalans in need. The Orphan Grain Train will deliver the meals.

Reserve your spot

Register for a two-hour shift to help us reach our goal of packing all 150,000 meals donated by the Thrivent Member Network. To register, scan the QR code or visit **HHAH150K.eventbrite.com**.

Questions? Email NebraskaTMN@thrivent.com or call 402-249-1104. Register by April 17, 2023.

Event details

Saturday, April 22, 2023
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PEACE Center, Hearts & Hands Against Hunger of Hastings
622 N. Lincoln Ave.
Hastings, NE 68901

Hearts & Hands Against Hunger of Hastings

Sign up for a two-hour shift today.

No products will be sold. Hearts & Hands Against Hunger of Hastings and the Orphan Grain Train are not affiliated with or endorsed by Thrivent.

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Congregational Life committee
would like to extend a big thank you
to all who contributed to the
Memorable Members presentation
and soup supper on March 26th.
To those who performed on stage
and those who assisted with behind
the scenes details, your talents are amazing!
Also a huge thank you to all who prepared the soup,
served, and cleaned up afterwards.
It was truly an enjoyable evening of
fellowship and entertainment. And of course
we must thank those who put this all together
and the Sesquicentennial committee. Job well done!

THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS COLLECTING
LONG-SLEEVE WORK
SHIRTS FOR OUR MIGRANT WORKERS.

THESE SHIRTS PROTECT THE WORKERS FROM
THE SUN AND EXPOSURE TO AGRICULTURAL
CHEMICALS.

SHIRTS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE DESIGNATED
BIN IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU.

Labor with Love - A Heart to Care

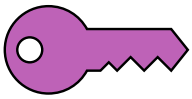
May Friendship Day Salad Luncheon

You're Invited……All are Welcome

May 5, 2023 12pm Noon

Grace United Methodist Church
1832 W. 9th Street, Hastings
402-463-1329

Church Women United
Agreed to Differ, Resolved to Love, United to Serve



If anyone is missing a
Subaru car key,
please see Melissa
in the Church Office to claim it.

Tickets are available for $8 each in the FPC Church Office. Hannah Jensen-Heitmann will be honored as our Outstanding Young Woman.

COKESBURY'S HERO HOTLINE
Called Together to Serve God!

DATE: Monday, June 26th – Thursday, June 29th

TIME: 8:30 am – 11:30 am

WHERE: First Presbyterian Church

621 N Lincoln, Ave

AGES: *Pre-School – 6th grade

(This is the grade they are entering in August 2023)

*Preschoolers must be potty trained; exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis.
Register or sign-up to volunteer by visiting: fpchastings.org/vbs/

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!!

Presbyterian Women collect an offering in honor of and in memory of mothers. The offering this year will be split between "Our Little Angels" and "Threads of Grace". We will be set up in the Memorial Room April 23 and 30 and May 7 and 14.

Our Little Angels: Our mission is to help families who have experienced infertility or loss during pregnancy & infancy. We donate care packages and provide financial assistance for counseling, medical & funeral expenses. We also offer monthly support groups, ongoing bereavement support & coordinate other services the family may need at this time such as cleaning, meal preparation, fundraisers, memorial registration & funeral planning. We offer our services to Hastings and the surrounding areas.

Threads of Grace: Threads of Grace strives to relieve some of the stress for children transitioning to a new foster home or enCourage shelter and supply them with basic needs. Our goal is to provide five new outfits for each child. Threads of Grace will partner with retailers to purchase brand new clothing at a discount utilizing donated funds. Additionally, we hope to relieve the initial financial burden many foster families face within the first 24 hours of placement. Future aspirations are to assist local schools with children's emergency needs. It is a nonprofit that serves children birth to 19 years of age who have been placed into foster care or have sought shelter with enCourage in Adams County.

Please pray for

Shirley Maul
Barry Thomson
Stephen Gass
Greg Howard
Lisa Unger & family
Jodi Graves & family
Ashley Ibach
Rhonda Sanford
Vicki Howard
Roberta Lloyd and family
Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Nancy Grams
Ken Fisk

Irina Belikova-Erickson
Rich Portwood
Shirley Gass
Tarah Davis & family
Cheryl Ann Elfond
Brad Davis
BJ Pumroy & family
Elaine Schumacher
Dave Schawang
Renee Miller
Don Rasmussen
Audre Zaroban
Merry Williams

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

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