April 30, 2023
Fourth Sunday Of Easter

PRELUDE "Toccata" *Dubois/arr. Bish*
Linda Vollweiler, Organist
(The prelude is an opportunity to worship God, a time of prayer, meditation, and reflection.)

WELCOME Greg Allen-Pickett

INTROIT "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"
Praise Bells, Susan Oliver, director

*CALL TO WORSHIP Damen Jensen-Heitmann

We have been walking, Lord,
On roads of uncertainty and fear,
On roads of exhaustion and doubt,
On winding roads that have led us here this morning.
Join us on our journey, Lord.
By your presence, refresh our spirits, bring us joy and delight,
And give us new direction!
Come, let us worship our God of joy!

*HYMN "The Day of Resurrection!" 533
Owen DeBoer, song leader

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes our hearts ache within us, O Lord. Like those travelers on the Emmaus road, we feel deep sadness, and we wander about lost. Our sadness finds its roots in many things, and we feel as though we cannot escape it. It becomes part and parcel of our conversations. Deep within, our spirits long for release. Forgive us when we fail to notice your presence in our midst. Heal our brokenness. Bind up our wounds. Place us on the path of healing, and help us to be people who will bring compassionate caring to others, for we ask these things in Jesus' name.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dear friends, let your hearts be healed.
God is here with us, right now, and walks with us into the world.
Do not fear! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!
Alleluia! Amen!

RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Glory to God" (sung 2x through) 583

*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

RECOGNITION OF OUR CHRISITAN ED VOLUNTEERS Rose Koepp

While the children come down, the congregation will sing "Jesus Loves Me."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

May your Holy Word lift us up, O Lord; may it open our eyes, ears, minds, and hearts to you. Help us to see your presence in all your world. May hearing your word read and proclaimed give us courage and strength for all the journeys ahead. Amen.

1st SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 2:42-47

BELL ANTHEM "He Leadeth Me" *William Bradbury*
Alleluia Bells, Susan Oliver, director *arr. Nancy Tipton*

2nd SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 24:13-35

MESSAGE **"Jesus smiled…"** Greg Allen-Pickett

CHOIR ANTHEM "With One Heart" *Mark Patterson*
Praise & Alleluia Choir, Tim & Teresa Canady, directors
Mary Plock, piano

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from Philippians 4)

Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, we say, rejoice! As we practice our faith, may our gentleness show in our treatment of all people. The Lord is near to us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us not be anxious about anything; rather, we shall bring up all of our requests to God in our prayers and petitions, and we shall give thanks. Our faith requires us to do so. Then the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will keep our hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

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/

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OFFERTORY Fantasy on KING'S WESTON *arr. Fred Gramann*

Chancel Bell Choir, director Byron Jensen

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we ask your blessing on these gifts and on us, your people. Please be with us; give us courage. Use these gifts to help others as you have healed and helped us, for we ask this in Jesus' name. 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 "Thine Is the Glory" 238

*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 Sonata" *Purcell*

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 – CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IN THE SANCTUARY WITH COMMUNION

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 by First Presbyterian Church.

THE FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Lyn Throckmorton by her family; and, in honor of the Madrid, Moser, Fike, and Pedersen families.

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

GREETERS Jan Bolliger, Melissa Davis

May Ushers (Team #3) Captain – Dave Fisher, Andrew Barrows, Phil Odom, Rich Portwood, Doug Soderquist

May Greeters

MAY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
7	Daveta & Dick Brader	Lynette & Paul Krieger
14	Kili & Justin Wenburg	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
21	Connie & LaVern Franzen	Ginny & Will Locke
28	Dixie & Gale McDonald	Jane & Chuck Bauer

Organ Recital

Sarah Sutton, an organ and piano major at Hastings College, will be performing her organ recital at FPC. You are invited to attend. The recital is open to the public at no charge.

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

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

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

LONG SLEEVE SHIRT DRIVE

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.

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!!

Stories of the Resurrected Jesus

WHY DO YOU LOOK FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?

Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh - Lydia Room
9:15 A.M. - April 23, 30, & May 7

Jessica Allen-Pickett
Esther Allen-Pickett
Kim Bogan
Sharon Brooks
Olivia Canady
Teresa Canady
Dave Cooke
Melissa Davis
Jane Foote
Heather Gosda
Nancy Grams
Rachel Guiai
Lois Hafer
Amy Hermes
Kris Horton
Duane Huber
Byron Jensen
Hannah Jensen-Heitmann
Richard Johnson
Linda Johnson
Molly Kammerer

Thank You

to our
Youth Christian Education
Volunteers

Sara Kluver
Tyler Koepp
Jill Kramer
Jane Marsh
Dana Miller
Peyton Mitchel
Tammie Nowka
Phil Odom
Laura Kate Oliver
Susan Oliver
Mary Plock
Tom Ratzlaff
Leah Ratzlaff
Kathy Reimer
Elaine Specht
Lindsey Stout
Amanda Turner
Vivienne Turner
Ben Welsch
Harrison Welsch
Merry Williams

Thank You

to our
Adult Christian Education
Volunteers

Heirs Apparent
Curtis Reimer
Kathy Reimer

Forum Hosts
Grant Hunter
Sharon Brooks
Matt Fong

Forum Presenter & Topic

Rev. Doodle Harris - "Holy Humor of Ted Lasso" "The Things We Never Read"
Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh - "Universal Salvation" "What We Believe" & "Post-Resurrection Stories" "The Things We Never Read"
Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett - "The Once & Future Church" "The Things We Never Read"
Rev. Polly Deppen-Williams - "The Once & Future Church"
Rev. Shelli Latham - "The Once & Future Church"
Cathedral Brass - "'Tis the Season"
Wendy Gwenapp - "Let Them Come to Me"
Ben Welsch - "Speaking For Education"

Sunday 4/30	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School/Confirmation	various
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	Congregational Potluck	Fellowship Hall
	5pm-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
	7:30pm	Sarah Sutton Organ Recital	Sanctuary
Monday 5/1	10:30am	Jim Hahne Memorial Service	Sanctuary
	1-3pm	1st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1-3pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 5/2	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	12-1pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30-7:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	United Harvest Board Meeting	PEACE NW Classroom
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience	PEACE NE Classroom
Wednesday 5/3	11-11:45am	PW Coord Team	Library
	11:45am	PW Program and Luncheon	Fellowship Hall
	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	5pm-6:45pm	PreK-5th grade WNL	Various
	6:30pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
	6pm	Chancel Choir/Bells potluck	Brett Epperson residence
Thursday 5/4	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 5/5	10-11am	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
	10:30am	Chapter G PEO	Fellowship Hall
Sunday 5/7		**Confirmation Sunday**	
	8:30am	Contemplative Worship Service	Chapel
	9:15am-10:15am	Sunday School/ Confirmation	Various
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	3-5pm	Hastings College Choir Concert	Sanctuary
	5pm	2023-2024 Confirmand Parent Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	5-7pm	Jr. High/Sr. High Youth Group	Various
	7:30pm	Hastings High School Concert	Sanctuary

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 30, 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
Vicki Howard
Reta & Lowell Johnson
Carl Utley
Denny Storer and family
Ken Fisk

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

In memory of

Jim Hahne, who passed away on 4/24/23
Rhonda Sanford, who passed away on 4/24/23

If you wish to have someone added to or removed from the prayer list, please call the church office at 402-462-5147

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

Head of Church: Jesus Christ
Senior Pastor: Rev. Greg Allen-Pickett
Organist and Music Director: Linda Vollweiler
Chancel Choir Director: Brett Epperson
Chancel Bells & Calvin/Westminster
Bells Director: Dr. Byron Jensen
Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
Praise/Alleluia Choir Directors: Tim and Teresa Canady
Praise/Alleluia Bells Choir Director: Dr. Susan Oliver
Accompanist and Music Coordinator: Mary Plock

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