



# **May 21, 2023**

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter & Ascension Sunday**

### **PRELUDE**

**“Earle of Oxford's March”**

*William Byrd/arr. Olson*

**Cathedral Brass**

Louie Eckhardt, trumpet; Erin Beave, trumpet; Amy Schneider, horn; Nathan LeFeber, trombone;  
Dan Sodomka, tuba

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

### **WELCOME**

*Greg Allen-Pickett*

### **INTROIT**

**“Cathedral Acclamation”**

*Nolan Schmit*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 47)**

*Damen Jensen-Heitmann*

**Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

***For the LORD is awesome, a great king over all the earth.***

**God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet!**

***Sing praises to God! Sing praises to our King! Sing praises!***

**For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!**

***God is highly exalted! Come, let us worship God!***

### **\*HYMN**

**“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”**

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*Linda Vollweiler, Organist*

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***We confess, O God, that too often we have our heads in the clouds.  
We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it  
would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality.  
At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us.  
Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so,  
we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O  
God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do  
with you. Give us the energy, courage, and vision to be your  
witnesses to the end of the earth.***

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are God's people, created, loved and forgiven.

***The God of all grace has called us by name.***

God will restore, support, strengthen, and establish us.

***It is good news to celebrate!***

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved!

***Alleluia! Amen!***

## RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

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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.)

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 come down, the congregation will sing “Jesus Loves Me.”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***Open our eyes; open our hearts. May we hear your Word read and proclaimed so that our lives and our witness will be strengthened. Amen.***

1<sup>st</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Ephesians 1:15-23

2<sup>nd</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 1:1-14

## MESSAGE

**“Following Christ together!”**

Greg Allen-Pickett

## \*HYMN

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds” (vs. 1-4)

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from “A Declaration of Faith”)

***We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.***

***We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. Jesus’ lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.***

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

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

*J.S. Bach /arr. Parente*

\*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Good and gracious God, the money we place in plates or give online we pray will be used to bring your kingdom to earth. May our gifts bind us together as the body of Christ and strengthen this congregation to be more faithful, more present, and more daring as we witness to the power of your love in our community and to the ends of the earth. 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

“Go to the World!”

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**\*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"**

*John Stanley/ arr. Snell*

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

**10:30 AM – PENTECOST IN THE PARK! WORSHIP IN CHAUTAUQUA PARK!**

The 10:30 service is also broadcast live on KICS 1550 AM streamed live at:

[www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://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 memory of Elton and Edith Willcock by family.

**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



The American Red Cross and First Presbyterian Church are hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, May 23, 12pm-6pm. To make an appointment go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), select the drive at First Presbyterian Church, Hastings.



**A Meal Train has been set up for the Overmiller family. If you would like to sign up to provide a meal, the link is: <https://mealtrain.com/4ry987>**

<b>Sunday 5/21</b>	8:30am	Contemplative Worship	Chapel
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary, Facebook, Radio
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	12pm-1pm	Music Planning Meeting	Parlor
	3pm-4pm	Cathedral Brass Concert	Sanctuary
	5-7:30pm	K-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Movie Club	Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday 5/22</b>	1-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Tuesday 5/23</b>	10-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity Board	Anderson Room
	12pm	Bible Study	
	12-6pm	Red Cross Blood Drive	Fellowship Hall
	7-8pm	CCC Dog Obedience Class	PEACE NE Classroom
<b>Wednesday 5/24</b>	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrooks52@gmail.com">Sbbrooks52@gmail.com</a>
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarvers	Basement
<b>Thursday 5/25</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
<b>Friday 5/26</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Room 111
<b>Sunday 5/28</b>	10:30am	Bluegrass Worship Service (Pentecost Sunday)	Chautauqua Park



SUNDAY MAY 21, 5-7:30PM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

# SUMMER MOVIE CLUB

FOR INCOMING K-5



We will be watching and doing a Bible study related to:

## ENCANTO

**PIZZA AND POPCORN PROVIDED**

BRING A PILLOW AND BLANKET


CONTACT ROSE WITH QUESTIONS 402-462-5147

**VBS 2023**

**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:  
[fpchastings.org/vbs/](http://fpchastings.org/vbs/)  
or scan this code:



So let's  
**strive**  
for the things that  
**bring peace**  
and the things that  
**build each other up.**  
Romans 14:19

## Please pray for

Lisa Unger & family  
Jodi Graves & family  
Ashley Ibach  
Vicki Howard  
Reta & Lowell Johnson  
Carl Utley  
Denny Storer and family  
Shirley Maul  
Barry Thomson  
Stephen Gass  
Greg Howard  
Ken Fisk  
Family of Jim Hahne  
Mary Wolf

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

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

## In memory of

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





## Join The Fight Against Cancer

Purchase and personalize a luminary in honor of or in memory of someone who has battled cancer. Luminaries are available for \$10 each in the Memorial Room on Sunday mornings or in the Church Office during the week. Luminaries will be on display in the church in June. Donations may be given online also, at [www.RelayForLife.org](http://www.RelayForLife.org)

### American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Central Nebraska

Please fill out the form below:

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Luminaria at \$10 each

Name of Individual being honored or remembered	In Honor	In Memory	Donation
Total Enclosed			



**HOSPITAL REMINDER** –Due to privacy regulations in place at the hospital, if you would like the church to know that either you or a family member will be hospitalized or have been admitted, please take a moment and call the church office at 402-462-5147.



# BACH & bluegrass

## Pentecost in the Park

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 10:30AM | CHAUTAUQUA PARK

Join other Hastings-area churches at a special outdoor concert featuring a professional choir performing bluegrass-inspired choral arrangements by Shawn Kirchner.

## Bach and Bluegrass

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 7PM | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

This unique performance starts off with the Bach cantata in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian and then moves across the street to Alexander Park.

## Bach Cantata

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 10:30AM | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

A special Trinity Sunday Service that coincides with the 300th Anniversary of Bach's cantatas being shared in worship at the Thomaskirche in Leipzig, Germany.



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## Presbyterian Women Father's Day Offering

Presbyterian Women will be collecting a Father's Day Offering. We will be set up in the Memorial Room on Sundays, May 21, June 4, June 11, and June 18. You may donate in honor of a father or in memory of a father. Proceeds will go to Living Waters for the World.

Living Waters for the World (LWW) **trains volunteers** to establish and lead water mission teams that partner with communities to **implement and operate** sustainable water purification systems and health education programs.

[LWW Networks](#) come alongside water teams and partners throughout every phase of a water project. They provide essential support for **sustainable** water systems that produce **clean water for a generation**.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Living Waters for the World. Unlike organizations that rely on paid staff to initiate and execute water projects, Living Waters for the World relies on volunteer teams trained by volunteer instructors working within volunteer-led networks. LWW's small staff of 3 full-time and 3 part-time employees exists to facilitate the activity and long-term impact of this volunteer force.

Over 2,000 individuals have trained at [Clean Water U](#), and they have engaged an estimated 10,000+ volunteers as members of LWW water teams. Volunteers have also guided the establishment of international networks, the development of Clean Water U's curriculum, and much more!

Volunteers have made LWW what it is today and will play an integral role in ensuring clean water for generation in the communities LWW serves.

## 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!!



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.



## Mark Adams & Miriam Maldonado Visit

Please join the Mission Committee in welcoming our Mission Partners from Frontera de Cristo, Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, in Fellowship Hall for a barbecue and potluck. Mark and Miriam will be visiting as part of their interpretation assignment across the United States. The Mission Committee will provide brats, burgers, condiments, and toppings. We ask that others bring salads or desserts to go along with the main course.



## Hastings College Arboretum Tree Dedication Ceremony

You are invited to attend a Hastings College Arboretum tree dedication ceremony honoring the late Dr. Anne Fairbanks Bohlke. The event will take place near McCormick Hall on Tuesday, May 23 at 4:30 p.m. (in the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 24 at the same time.)



### *First Presbyterian Church of Hastings 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

**Ministers:** Members of the Church  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Damen Jensen-Heitmann  
**Director of Children & Family**  
**Ministries:** Rose Koepp  
**Church Office Administrator:** Melissa Davis  
**Facilities Manager:** Tony Calhoun  
**Bookkeeper:** Deb Hamburger  
**Scholar in Residence:** Dr. Dan Deffenbaugh  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. Bill Nottage-Tacey