



**Ninth Sunday  
After Pentecost  
July 30, 2023  
10:30am Service**

**PRELUDE**

**“Beautiful Nebraska”**

*arr. Fritz Mountford*

Sarah Wolf, flute; Mary Plock, piano

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

**WELCOME**

Damen Jensen-Heitmann

**INTROIT**

**“Near to the Heart of God”**

*Mcafy*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

By looking at the stars, a wanderer learns to trust God.

***Through the flames of a fire, a shepherd learns to speak  
courageously for others.***

Through the words of a friend a mourner comes to believe in new life.

***From the branches of a tree, a wayward soul sees that Grace can  
visit anyone.***

The hearts of the faithful shift and move and expand.

***May ours do likewise this morning in the presence of God.***

**\*HYMN**

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

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Organist Linda Vollweiler

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Forgive us, O God, for the ways that we worship the idea of  
immutability. We think that strength means never moving. We  
assume the wise never change their minds. We often think that you  
want us to be great stone pillars. We forget that Jesus referred to  
himself as living water: that which shifts and moves and expands  
and contracts. Forgive us, O God, for our stubbornness, our  
recalcitrance, and our stationary hearts. Give us the courage of faith  
to shift and move and find our being in you.***

## SILENT CONFESSION & CONTEMPLATION

*What new perspective may God be calling you to see?*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In God, our hearts find peace.

***In Christ, our sins are forgiven.***

Through the Holy Spirit, our lives are offered direction.

***In humility, we encounter the grace of God.***

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Glory Be to the Father”

581

## \*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)



## SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rose Koepp

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***God, we ask for hearts open to your word and minds receptive to your perspective. Grant that your Holy Word may enter our lives and be reflected in the world through our living in the days ahead. Amen.***

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 19:16-22

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Olivia Canady, Vivian Fong

(The Langenberg Legacy Funds provide scholarships for children of church members to take music lessons. During the summer, those children and youth provide special music during the service as a way of giving thanks to God.)

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 19:1-10

## MESSAGE

“Heart Expansion” or “Not So Hungry Anymore”  
Part of the Children’s Literature Sermon Series  
Featuring *Mother Bruce* by Ryan T. Higgins  
Published by Disney Hyperion

## \*HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

***I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.***

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

OFFERTORY “This Is My Father’s World/Father, God We Adore Thee” arr. Mary Jean

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” 606

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***To you, O God, we give these things and the whole of our lives. May they be used to bring aid to the suffering, hope to the lost, and peace to all. Amen.***

**THE 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 “In the Midst of New Dimensions” 315

**\*CHARGE 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!***

(\*Indicates the congregation shall stand as they are able.)

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

**9 a.m. Worship in the Park**

**10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary**

**Stay-at-Home: Broadcast live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fpchastings](http://www.facebook.com/fpchastings)**

*(Please note, you do not need a Facebook account to view the service.)*

The Worship Service can also be heard live on the radio simulcast  
on KICS 1550 AM and on 92.7FM.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given in loving memory of John W. Hatcher by his family.

**THE FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of John W. Hatcher by his family.

**USHERS July (Team #5)** Captain – Ken Stein, Matt Fong, Julie Thomsen

### **GREETERS**

JULY	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
30	Jill Kramer	Melissa Davis

**August Ushers (Team #6)** Captain – Jim Harrenstein, Chanda Essink, Lynne Friedewald, Chuck Shoemaker

### **August Greeters**

AUGUST	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
6	Linda & Richard Johnson		Melissa Davis
13	Jane Foote	Julie Thomsen	Carolyn & Rich McKenzie
20	Lori & Ted Schroeder		Todd Pankratz & Jessica Meeske
27	Mary Kay LaMaster		Jean Barber

## Please pray for

Pam Canady  
Ashley Ibach  
Vicki Howard  
Reta & Lowell Johnson  
Carl Utley  
Barry Thomson  
Stephen Gass  
Rich Reimer & family  
Greg Howard  
Ken Fisk  
Mary Wolf  
Marie Rasmussen  
Pamela Lainson & family  
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)  
family of Shirley Maul

Brad Davis  
Elaine Schumacher  
Dave Schawang  
Renee Miller  
Rich Portwood  
Shirley Gass  
Don Rasmussen  
Audre Zaroban  
Katharine Davis  
Carter Johnson  
Scott Johnson  
Tarah Davis & family  
family of Lisa Moser  
family of Norma Vineyard

In memory of  
Norma Vineyard, who passed  
away on 7/14/2023



**Please watch the upcoming bulletins and newsletters for more information on these exciting events happening in the life of our Church as we continue to celebrate 150 years!**  
**You won't want to miss them!**

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**



Scottish Heritage  
Worship  
Sanctuary

**AUG  
13**

**SEPT  
10**

150th Anniversary  
Worship & Lunch  
Sanctuary & PEACE Center



<b>Sunday 7/30</b>	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
<b>Monday 7/31</b>	1pm-3pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30pm-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7pm	Hastings Comm. Theatre rehearsal	PEACE NW Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
<b>Tuesday 8/1</b>		<b>No Staff Meeting</b>	
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7pm	Hastings Comm. Theatre rehearsal	PEACE NW Classroom
<b>Wednesday 8/2</b>	12pm	Noonday Book Club	<a href="mailto:Sbbrook52@gmail.com">Sbbrook52@gmail.com</a>
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarver's Meet	Basement
	7pm	Hastings Comm. Theatre rehearsal	PEACE NW Classroom
<b>Thursday 8/3</b>	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	5:30pm	Youth Christian Ed. Meeting	Parlor
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
	7-10pm	Hastings Community Theatre rehearsal	PEACE NW Classroom
<b>Friday 8/4</b>	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
<b>Saturday 8/5</b>	Go & Serve Young Adult Mission Trip (8/5/23-8/12/23)		
<b>Sunday 8/6</b>	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex

***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:** Dr. 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