



**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”

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*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 Koeppe

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.

1ST 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.)

2ND 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

(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



Sunday 7/30	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
Monday 7/31	1pm-3pm	1 st 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
Tuesday 8/1		No Staff Meeting	
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
	5:30pm	WAM Meeting	Anderson Room
	7pm	Hastings Comm. Theatre rehearsal	PEACE NW Classroom
Wednesday 8/2	12pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrook52@gmail.com
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30pm	Woodcarver's Meet	Basement
	7pm	Hastings Comm. Theatre rehearsal	PEACE NW Classroom
Thursday 8/3	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
Friday 8/4	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
Saturday 8/5	Go & Serve Young Adult Mission Trip (8/5/23-8/12/23)		
Sunday 8/6	9am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	10am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
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Calvin/Westminster Choir Director: Linda Johnson
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