



**Eighth Sunday
After Pentecost
July 23, 2023
10:30am Service**

PRELUDE

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
Organist Linda Vollweiler

arr. Edward Broughton

WELCOME

Greg Allen-Pickett

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 86)

Rose Koepp

Teach us your way, O LORD,

So that we may walk in your truth.

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God!

With our whole hearts, we will glorify your name forever.

For great and abundant is your steadfast love towards us;

***You, O Lord, are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Come, let us worship
God!***

*HYMN

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
Owen DeBoer, Song Leader

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***It is said that confession is good for the soul, but there are times, O
Lord, when we just don't want to confess, we don't want to own up to
the many ways in which we have failed to be your faithful disciples.
We have turned our backs on those in need. We have sought after
power and riches, believing that these things bring true happiness.
But you know us far too well. You know what is within our hearts
and our spirits. You seek the very best for us that we might grow to
be fruitful plants in your garden. Forgive us when we have failed to
love and treat others with respect and compassion. Turn our hearts
back toward you, who always reaches out to us offering healing and
love.***

SILENT CONFESSION

When have I allowed fear of scarcity to keep me from fully loving others and living out my faith?

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Good news has come to us!

God, who is faithful and just, seeks restoration and healing for those broken places in our lives.

God forgives and loves us. Receive that good news!

In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven and loved! Alleluia! Amen!

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“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.)



SHARING THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

PRAY FOR ILLUMINATION

Warm our hearts with your love; surprise us with your Holy Word; enlighten us with your Holy Spirit. This morning, give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to put your Word into action. Amen.

1ST SCRIPTURE READING – Exodus 16:2-4, 11-15 and Deuteronomy 29:2-5

2ND SCRIPTURE READING – Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

“Living as people of abundance”

Greg Allen-Pickett

Children’s Book Sermon Series *The More You Give* by Marcy Campbell and Francesca Sanna

*HYMN

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

716

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Rev. Bruce Prewer, Uniting Church in Australia)

We believe in the God of Christ Jesus, the source of abundance, full of grace and truth.

We believe in the extravagant God, who turns the other cheek, goes the second mile, brings healing with every touch, welcomes all, and calls us to do the same.

We believe in the redeeming God, who spared no cost, forgave even his brutal crucifiers, and on the third day did a thing so extraordinary that even his friends were overwhelmed with joy.

We believe in the God of Jesus Christ, the source of abundance wherever we turn and no matter what we do.

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

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OFFERTORY “Be Thou My Vision” *Traditional Irish Melody*
Saxophone Solo, Karl Ludwig

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, we present these tokens of the many blessings you have poured into our lives. Make us people who are unafraid to believe in your abundance and reflect that abundance in our giving and our lives. Help these gifts to bring hope and comfort to all those in need. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. 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 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” 547

*BENEDICTION 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!***

POSTLUDE

"Fanfare on an Original Theme"

Gilbert M. Martin

(*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 memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling.

THE FLOWERS are given in memory of Charlie Fruehling by Christian, Sarah, and Arich Fruehling; and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George Payne and Hubert Payne.

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

GREETERS

JULY	MEMORIAL ROOM	MEMORIAL ROOM	NARTHEX
23	Jan Ham		Karen & Roger Doerr
30	Jill Kramer		Melissa Davis

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings

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

Head of Church: Jesus Christ
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Please pray for

Pam Canady	Brad Davis
Ashley Ibach	Elaine Schumacher
Vicki Howard	Dave Schawang
Reta & Lowell Johnson	Renee Miller
Carl Utley	Rich Portwood
Barry Thomson	Shirley Gass
Stephen Gass	Don Rasmussen
Rich Reimer & family	Audre Zaroban
Greg Howard	Katharine Davis
Ken Fisk	Carter Johnson
Mary Wolf	Scott Johnson
Marie Rasmussen	Tarah Davis & family
Pamela Lainson & family	family of Lisa Moser
Everest Beacon (Zabloudil)	family of Norma Vineyard
family of Shirley Maul	



In memory of

Norma Vineyard, who passed
away on 7/14/2023

Sunday 7/23	9am-10am	Worship in the Park	Alexander Park
	9:45am-10:30am	Open Table Meal Packing	Fellowship Hall
	10am-10:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	10:30am	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
	11:30am-12:30pm	Open Table Meal Packing	Fellowship Hall
	11:30am	HAW Store Open	Narthex
	12:15-12:45pm	Transport Meals	Catholic Social Services
Monday 7/24	1-3pm	1 st Pres Pickleball	PEACE Gym
	1:30-3:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-9pm	Chorus of the Plains Rehearsal	Choir Room
Tuesday 7/25	10am-11am	Staff Meeting	In-person
	11:45am-1:15pm	Habitat for Humanity	Parlor
	12pm	Bible Study	Anderson Room
Wednesday 7/26	12-1pm	Noonday Book Club	Sbbrooks52@gmail.com
	1:30pm	Quilters	PEACE Quilting Room
	6:30-9pm	Woodcarver's Meet	Basement
Thursday 7/27	12:30pm	Dulcimer	Lydia Room
	6-8pm	Mexican Folkloric Dance	PEACE NE Classroom
	7-8pm	Cub Scouts	Scout Room
Friday 7/28	10am-12pm	Mahjong Ladies	Lydia Room
Sunday 7/30	9-10am	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



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
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DATE

	Scottish Heritage Worship Sanctuary	AUG 13
SEPT 10	150th Anniversary Worship & Lunch Sanctuary & PEACE Center	



**Open Table
Meal Packing**
Please join us in
Fellowship Hall
after today's
worship service
for
Open Table
Meal Packing.



Horizon Recovery and
Counseling Center
&
The Unity Houses
For more info:
402-462-2066

**13th Annual
Recovery in the Park
"Celebration"**

July 25, 2023

Free Barbecue

Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks

You are welcome to bring a dessert to share

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

LOOK WHO'S TURNING 70
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JIM HARRENSTEIN

PLEASE JOIN US
FOR AN OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY JULY 29, 2023
1-4PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
621 N LINCOLN AVE
HASTINGS NE 68901



**5:30 pm @
Chautauqua Park**

2219 W 5th Hastings, NE

Ice Cream - Face Painting
Dunk Tank - T-Shirt Launching
Petting Zoo, - Numerous Kids Games
& Bouncy Houses



**FREE WILL DONATION
ACCEPTED**

