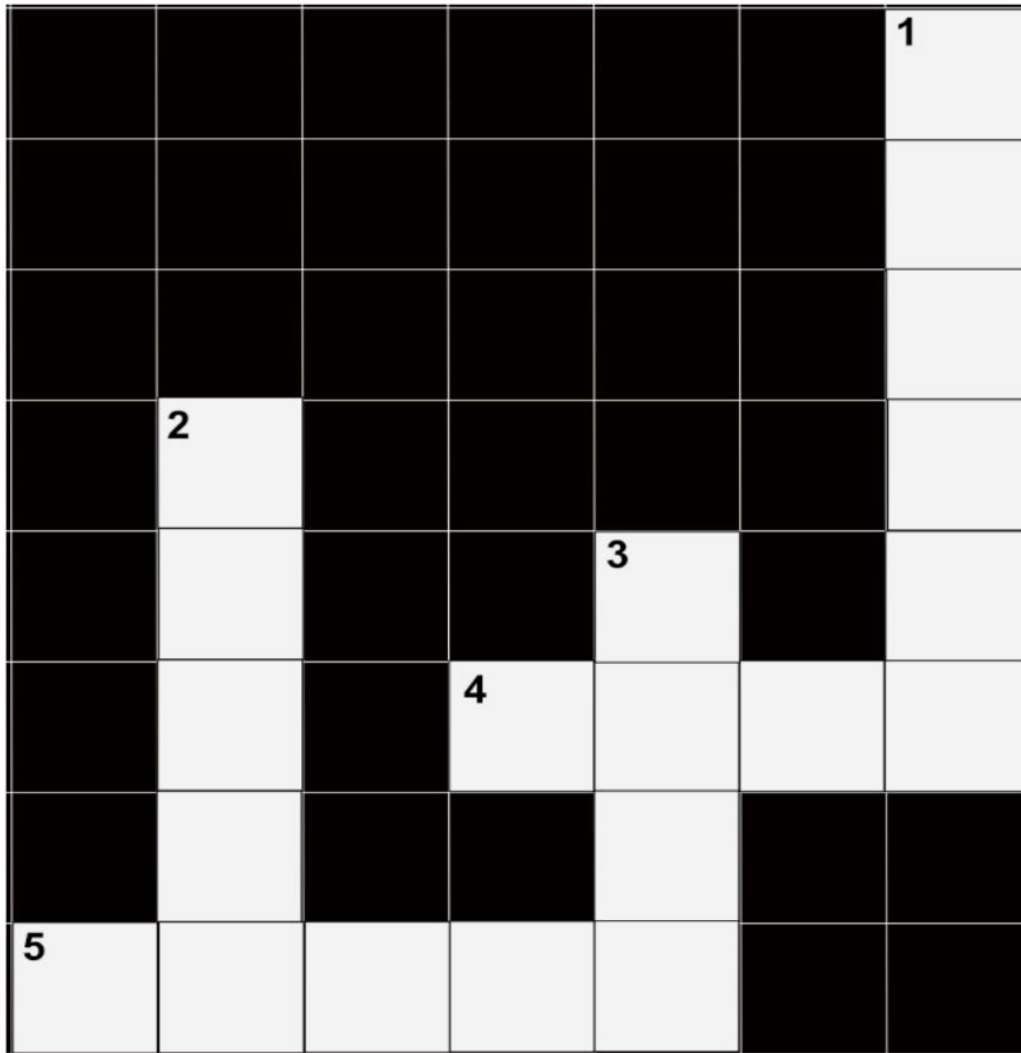


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Words of Life



Across

Down

4. To act in the best interests of its object.

5. The state of wholeness.

1. To bring into harmony with a prescribed measure.

2. To accrue benefit beyond measure.

3. To view the present through the lens of the future.

WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021

PRELUDE "Come! Live in the Light!" by David Haas, arr. by Connie Moon

Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRESHOLD MOMENT

"Wonderful Words of Life" Verse 1

Congregation

OPENING PRAYER

This morning as we ponder the mystery of Your nature, we thank you for Jesus. That which we could never fully understand, You made known to us by the gift of Your Son. Remind us this morning that you have made Jesus Lord over all. Help us to make him Lord over the details of what we do and say.

*OPENING HYMN #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we wandered far from you, both in what we have done, and in what we have left undone. In thought, in word, and in deed, we have failed to be citizens of Your Kingdom and to do Your will. You will someday bring perfect justice to our world. We admit that we sometimes act in ways that serve ourselves to the detriment of those around us. We have turned away from those who have been treated unjustly. Forgive the times that we have failed to act in accord with your desire for justice and wholeness. Help us to look to Jesus, who heals, forgives, and teaches us to be your children.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Because of what Jesus has done for you, you are forgiven.

Because of what Jesus has done for you, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen!

THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ is with you.

And also with you.

Hearing

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 89:1-14

A WORD IN SONG “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” Chancel Choir (Prayer of St. Francis)

By Sebastian Temple and Jane Holstein

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy. O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 25:31-40

SERMON

Just and Justifier

Pastor Clint Cozier

Responding

WHAT DOES JUSTICE LOOK LIKE?

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE #469

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

*CLOSING SONG #749 “Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)”

BENEDICTION #769 “For Everyone Born” Verse 4

POSTLUDE “Invention” by Flor Peeters

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SERVING THIS MORNING

Pastor: Clint Cozier

Liturgist: Scott Matteson

Organist: Connie Moon

Chancel Choir Director: Clayton Moyer

Choir Accompanist: Beth Mattingly

Facebook Live Producer: Hewitt Moyer

Zoom Producer: Cathy Cozier

Greeter: Barb Friskopp

Acolyte: Rowan Miller

Flowers: The bouquets are in celebration of Pat’s birthday, from Jack Hild.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

10:30 am Worship Service

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

The website has been updated! Take a look at www.fpckearney.org

Minister: Every Member of this Church

Rev. Dr. Clint Cozier, Pastor

Lori O’Brien, Administrative Secretary/Bookkeeper

Sandy McKirahan, Music Coordinator

Stephanie Unick, Curriculum Coordinator

Barb Lewison, Custodian

Clayton Moyer, Chancel Choir Director

Connie Moon & Susan Wallace, Organists

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Wonderful Words of Life



1. Sing them o - ver a - gain to me, won - der - ful words of life;
 2. Christ, the bless - ed one, gives to all won - der - ful words of life;
 3. Sweet - ly ech - o the gos - pel call, won - der - ful words of life;



let me more of their beau - ty see, won - der - ful words of life;
 sin - ner, list to the lov - ing call, won - der - ful words of life;
 of - fer par - don and peace to all, won - der - ful words of life;



words of life and beau - ty teach me faith and du - ty.
 all so free - ly giv - en, woo - ing us to heav - en.
 Je - sus, on - ly Sav - ior, sanc - ti - fy for - ev - er.



Refrain



Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life.



Beau - ti - ful words, won - der - ful words, won - der - ful words of life.



435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness
 2 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

of the sea. There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice,
 of the mind. And the heart of the E-ter-nal

which is more than lib-er-ty. There is no place where earth's
 is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were but more

sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
 faith-ful, we would glad-ly trust God's Word, and our lives re-

where earth's fail-ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
 flect thanks-giv-ing for the good-ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) for each system. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

749

Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

769

For Everyone Born

E *Leader or All* A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E A2 Bsus B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7 E/G# A2 Bsus

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set, of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E Bsus E Bsus

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

Refrain

B All E E/G# A2 Bsus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B E (◌) Fine A2 E Bsus B

jus-tice and joy!

FOR OUR PRAYERS (Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current)

First Presbyterian Church in Beaver City

Kailen Soncksen, Student, Austin Theological Seminary

Rev. Polly Deppen-Williams, Executive Presbyter of Central Nebraska Presbytery

Rev. Will & Bonnie Ratcliff & Thomas

Jouman, Erbil Province, Iraq

Our members:

Dr. L.R. Smith

Beverly & Charlie Pickens

Suzanne & Leonard DeBrie

Allene Gimeson

Jennifer & Sean Nicol

Gary & Marci Jo Lambert

Dwayne Anderson

Richard & Patricia Elliott

Vi Pimper

Kay Eckwert family

Margaret Holzrichter

Jim & Yasuyo Rohrer

Robin Bowers

Mabel Patterson

Arlene Bergstraesser

Irene Meredith

Gary & Donna Murphy

Joan Giles

Our Friends of the Church:

Barb Lewison & daughter, Shalaine Currier

Dennis Shultz

Robert & Rayle Elliott (brothers of Rich Elliott)

Dean Pearson

JoHanna Lewis, daughter of Betty Lewis-Fisher

Don & Carol Morton

Kim Wheatcroft (brother of Cathy Cozier)

Phyllis Westerlin

Ellen Rademacher (sister-in-law of Earl & JoAnn)

Cindy Malone (daughter of Vi Pimper)

John & Gwen Gerber (friend of Mary Jo Morrow)

David & Ann Bauer

Bob Bonner (cousin of Mary Kulhanek)

Pat Morse (friend of Sue Wallace)

Jim & Jeanne Bogner (friends of Wallace's)

Casey Holsing (friend of Beth Miller)

Jina Douglas & baby Ava (sister of Jill Hurt)

Kurt Siedschlaw and Joni Tschetter

George Moore (grandfather of Allie Moore)

Scott & Joanna Chesterman

Bobby Unick (Stephanie Unick's grandpa)

Amber Schade & Lena Rouse

Our Loved Ones In Service To Our Country:

Reece Nicol—Air Force (currently stationed at Ramstein AFB in Germany)

Danelle Nelson—ANG

Kristin Lindenstien-Shnell—Air Force

Ryan Rowher—Army

Greg Stevens—Marines

Brian Adams—Army

Re♦Gen

The Christian Education Committee invites everyone to **ReGen!** Mark your calendars for Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for our multi-GENerational nurture (Christian education) program with fellowship and learning stations for ages preschool through adult. Please invite your kids, grandkids, friends, neighbors, and co-workers! All are welcome!

Note: A Wednesday evening meal will be served when Covid restrictions allow us to serve food in a safe environment. Until then, we will have only the program.

ONE NURSERY POSITION FILLED ONE STILL AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce that Mychaela Fegter has been hired to fill one of the nursery positions. She begins her position today.

We need one more person to help staff the Nursery during worship. Our Safe Gatherings commitment requires that there always be two people present to take care of the children. The online Safe Gatherings Training is paid for by the church.



The paid position is for each Sunday morning from 10 a.m. to Noon. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older. Interested persons should contact Kit Alff, Personnel Chair, at 308-440-5898 or alff.kit71@gmail.com

CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 20-22	Pastor Clint at conference in Denver
Monday, September 20th	6:00 pm Sisters in Spirit (SIS)
Wednesday, September 22nd	7:30 am Men's Breakfast in FLC
	2:00 pm Martha's Circle
	6:00 pm ReGen
	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 pm Bell rehearsal
Sunday, September 26th	10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

Session has been moved to Sept. 28th If there is a change in the date or time, please let Lori know. Thank you!

Greeters are needed for October. Please call Lori at the church office or email her at office@fpckearney.org to schedule a date. Thank you!



The “Walk for Will” on Saturday, September 18th has raised over \$5,000 for the Ratcliff family, plus a generous donation from Concrete Cares of Nebraska of \$2,500!

MISSION IN MOTION SEPTEMBER PROJECT

Mission in Motion is supporting the “TICKET TO RYDE” drive during September. For \$20 you allow our church to purchase a 12-ride punch ticket for the RYDE bus. Head Start will oversee their student’s punch ticket and make sure that as they get on or off the bus for school, the ticket is punched. That gives each student six days of rides to and from school. Look for the school bus display in the narthex.



Head Start is a federal run preschool for children ages 3 to 5 years of age living in low-income families. Families must qualify for the program based on income, foster care situations, or in some cases homelessness. Kearney currently serves 80 children with a waitlist of families wanting to enroll. They are a preschool that focuses on not only academics but social emotional skills and proper nutrition to close the gap and help the children be successful in public school.

There are five classrooms in their building. Children are provided meals and services, and families are required to participate in the learning process also in hopes of helping them to work their way out of the poverty situation.

Children use the RYDE bus to get to and from school due to the parents having no transportation, and if they do not have a ticket they are missing a day of learning, meals, and friendship.

Checks may be made to the church and indicate “RYDE” on the memo line. Cash may be placed in envelopes marked “RYDE”. If you wish to have your donation recorded on your giving statement, please put your name on the envelope. Thank you!