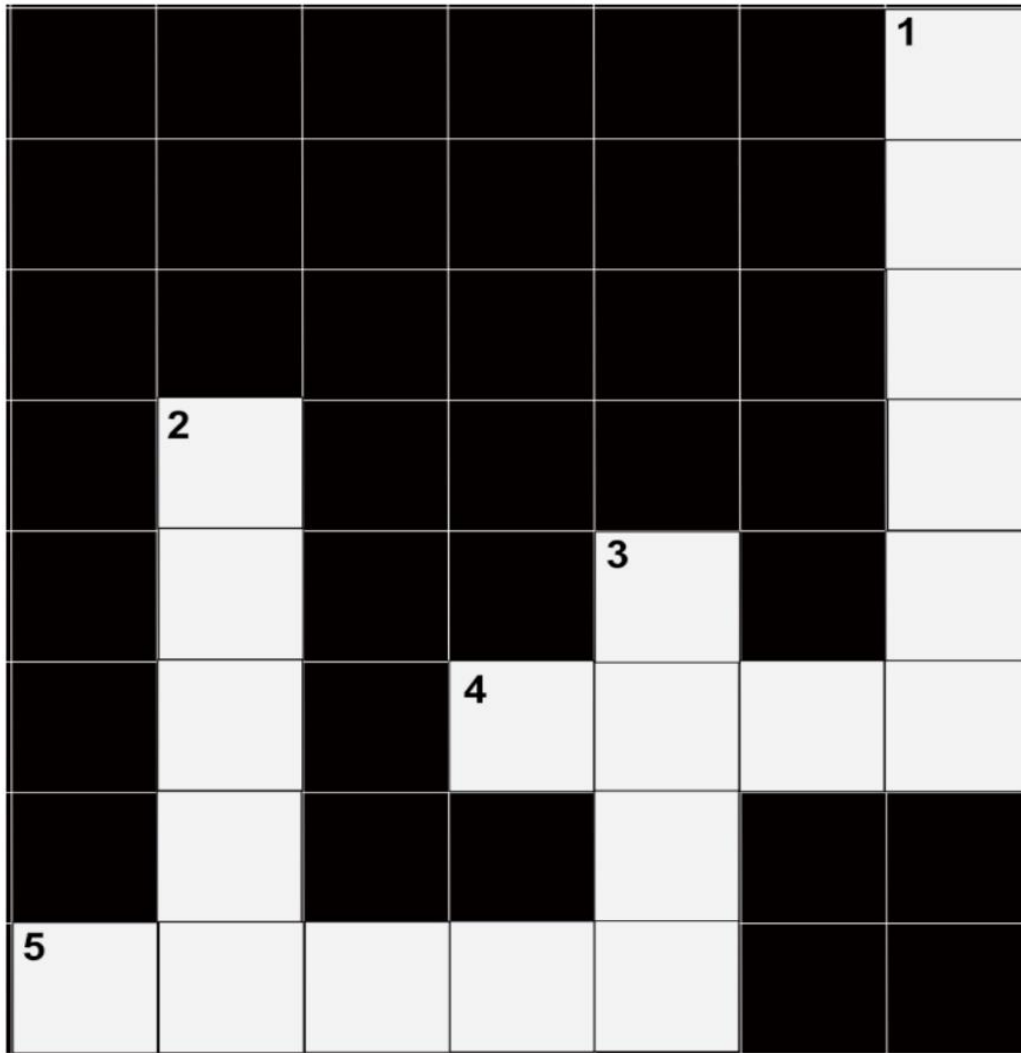


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Words of Life



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
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021

PRELUDE

"Meditation"

by Flor Peeters

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. You have made him Lord over all; help us to make him Lord over ever part of our life. Remind us of the hope we have in him.

*OPENING HYMN #815 "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" Verses 1-3

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. We confess that we too easily lose heart, and in our darkness we become disoriented. Remind us that Jesus is our Morningstar; even when we walk in darkness, he guides our path and gives us hope. Help us to center our hearts on Jesus, and to journey in hope.

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

Stephanie Unick

EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 1:3-8

A WORD IN SONG “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”
By Daniel Kallman

Chancel Choir

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts to me. My soul is longing and fainting the courts of the Lords to see. My heart and flesh they are singing for joy to the living God. How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts to me. Even the sparrow finds a home where he can settle down, and the swallow she can build a nest where she may lay her young within the courts of the Lord of Hosts, my King, My Lord, and my God. And happy are those who are dwelling where the song of praise is sung. And I'd rather be a doorkeeper and only stay a day than live the life of a sinner and have to stay away. For the Lord is shining as the sun, and the Lord is like a shield; and no good thing does God withhold from those who walk the way. How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts to me. My soul is longing and fainting the courts of the Lord to see. My heart and flesh they are singing for joy to the living God. How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts to me.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 18:1-8

SERMON

Hope Changes Everything

Pastor Clint Cozier

Responding

WHAT DOES HOPE LOOK LIKE?

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE #469

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

*CLOSING SONG #772 “Live into Hope” Verses 1, 3, 4

BENEDICTION #765 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”

POSTLUDE

“O Day of Hope” by Charles Hubert Hastings Parry

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SERVING THIS MORNING

Pastor: Clint Cozier

Liturgist: Scott Matteson

Organist: Connie Moon

Chancel Choir Director: Clayton Moyer

Choir Accompanist: Susan Wallace

Facebook Live Producer: Hewitt Moyer

Zoom Producer: Cathy Cozier

Greeters: Annabelle & Eldin Wells

Acolyte: Fulton Moyer

Flowers: The bouquets are from Jon and Leslie Abegglen

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

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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.



815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
3 Leave to God's sov - reign sway to choose and
4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

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

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melody with eighth and quarter notes, including a triplet of eighth notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The top staff shows the vocal line with a triplet of eighth notes and a quarter note. The bottom staff provides the bass line accompaniment.

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

The third system of music concludes the chorus. The top staff features a melodic line with a final cadence, including a half note and a quarter note. The bottom staff provides the bass line accompaniment, ending with a final chord.

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.

772 Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

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

First Presbyterian Church in Superior
Eldin Wells, Honorably Retired Minister serving as Pulpit Supply
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.

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, September 27th

Tuesday, September 28th

Wednesday, September 29th

Sunday, October 3rd

6:00 pm Sisters in Spirit (SIS)

9:30 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Deacons in FLC

6:00 pm Property & Grounds in Library

7:00 pm Session in Library

7:30 am Men's Breakfast in FLC

6:00 pm **ReGen**

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm Bell rehearsal

10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary--Communion

Greeters are needed for October. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the entryway, or please call Lori at the church office to schedule a date. Thank you!



The “Walk for Will” on Saturday, September 18th has raised over \$9,000 for the Ratcliff family, along with 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!