

**First Presbyterian Church
4511 Sixth Avenue, Kearney, NE 68845**



**WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021**

Gathering

As we open our eyes and come out of any avoidance we have regarding our feelings about money, we illumine a candle and ask God to be with us on this journey, giving us fresh perspectives that can shift any “dis-ease” that holds us back from a courageous vision about our money paths. We have compassion for ourselves and each other because the systems of money we live in are not easy to navigate.

PRELUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

by Lani Smith

Gathering

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRESHOLD MOMENT

“Be Thou My Vision” Verse 1

Congregation

CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHT

We light this candle to affirm that where there is light,

there is understanding;

where there is understanding,

there is compassion;

where there is compassion,

there is possibility;

and where there is possibility,

there is transformation.

Holy and Living God, transform our fears into awe-inspired wonder.

Open us to this light, and to the rich possibilities that it brings us for a “wonder-full” life.

*OPENING HYMN #366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
Verses 1, 2, 4

THE PEACE

I invite you to greet one another with a sign of God’s peace.

Hearing with Curiosity

We become curious—full of “wonder-ing”—further transforming our tendencies of avoiding money issues into a desire to learn more, about the systems of money and our own relationship to it. We explore what our faith story invites us to do about the systems of money in which we find ourselves.

CHILDREN’S TIME OF WONDER

Stephanie Unick

A WORD IN MUSIC

“Find in Me a Thankful Heart”

Chancel Choir

By Jan McGuire and Lloyd Larson

When you look inside my life, Lord, when search my thoughts and ways, may you find in me a thankful heart, a life of grateful praise. Of the bounty of your blessings of your constant love and care, of your endless grace and mercy, let me always be aware. As I think of all the many gifts you offer every day, let my thankfulness be seen in everything I do and say. Through each kindness to a stranger, through each act of caring shown, through my love for friends and family, let my gratitude be known. When you look inside my life, Lord, when you search my thoughts and ways, may you find in me a thankful heart, a life of grateful praise. Find in me a grateful heart.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

“Be Thou My Vision” Verse 2

EPISTLES READING

Acts 4:32-37

SERMON

Looking With Gratitude

Pastor Clint Cozier

Responding

This part of the service helps us to “wonder” in a different way. We invite a state of awe at the abundance of our lives by noticing the “rich” beauty around us, the presence of “treasured” people, and new and unexpected “gems” that cross our paths. We commit to engage our creativity to multiply good in the world.

TOKENS OF GRATITUDE

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS “Be Thou My Vision” verse 3

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING #647 “Give Thanks”

Sending

Having walked with God in “looking” into our heart’s relationship to money, we commit to take the practices out into the world and our daily lives with renewed compassion, curiosity, and creativity.

*SENDING SONG #611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Wonderful Words of Life with Thy Word”
Arranged by Carol Tornquist

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

First Presbyterian Church in O’Neill
Joyce Dean, serving Community Presbyterian Church in Fairfield
Rev. Polly Deppen-Williams, Executive Presbyter of Central Nebraska Presbytery
Rev. Will & Bonnie Ratcliff & Thomas
Jouman, Erbil Province, Iraq

Our members:

The family of Irene Meredith
Joan Giles Richard & Patricia Elliott Beverly & Charlie Pickens
Vi Pimper Suzanne & Leonard DeBrie Gary & Donna Murphy
Allene Gimeson Jennifer & Sean Nicol Gary & Marci Jo Lambert
Dwayne Anderson Mabel Patterson Steve & Carol Lentell
Margaret Holzrichter Jim & Yasuyo Rohrer Arlene Bergstraesser

Our Friends of the Church:

Bev and Gordon Muller (friends of Mary Jo Morrow)
Brittany McDaniels and family (friends of Holly Hankins)
Rhythm Gustafson (great-grandson of Suzie Hankins)
Barb Lewison & daughter, Shalaine Currier
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
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)

Our Loved Ones In Service To Our Country:

Reece Nicol—Air Force (currently stationed at Ramstein AFB in Germany)
Danelle Nelson—ANG Kristin Lindenstein-Shnell—Air Force
Ryan Rowher—Army Greg Stevens—Marines
Brian Adams—Army

Please help our Church office keep our prayer list current



SERVING THIS MORNING

Pastor: Clint Cozier

Liturgist: Rodger Payne

Organist and Choir Accompanist: Susan Wallace

Chancel Choir Director: Clayton Moyer

Facebook Live Producer: Hewitt Moyer

Zoom Producer: Cathy Cozier

Greeters: Georgia Byrn

Flowers: The bouquets are to "Welcome Fall", from Paula Lytle.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 24th

10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, October 25th

NO Sisters in Spirit (SIS)

Tuesday, October 26th

6:00 pm Deacons in FLC

6:00 pm Property & Grounds in Library

Wednesday, October 27th

7:30 am Men's Breakfast in FLC

6:00 pm Wednesday Night ReGen

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

8:00 pm Bell rehearsal

Thursday, October 28th

9:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, October 31st

10:30 am Worship in Sanctuary

Confirmation meeting after worship

There will be a Congregational meeting for the purpose of electing church officers following worship on November 7th.

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

Angela Wright, Bell Choir Director

Susan Wallace & Beth Mattingly, Choir Accompanists

Mychaela Fegter, Sunday Nursery & Mikayla Cole, Wednesday Nursery attendants

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

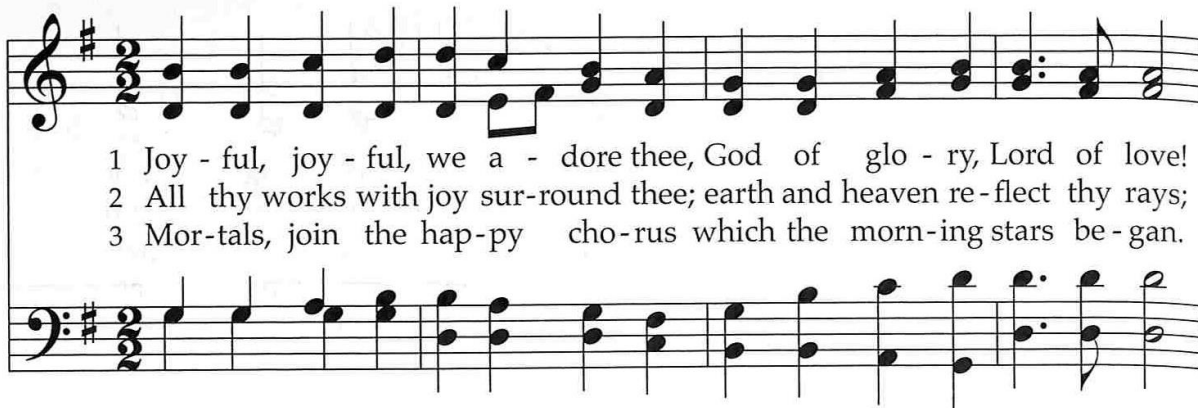
Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

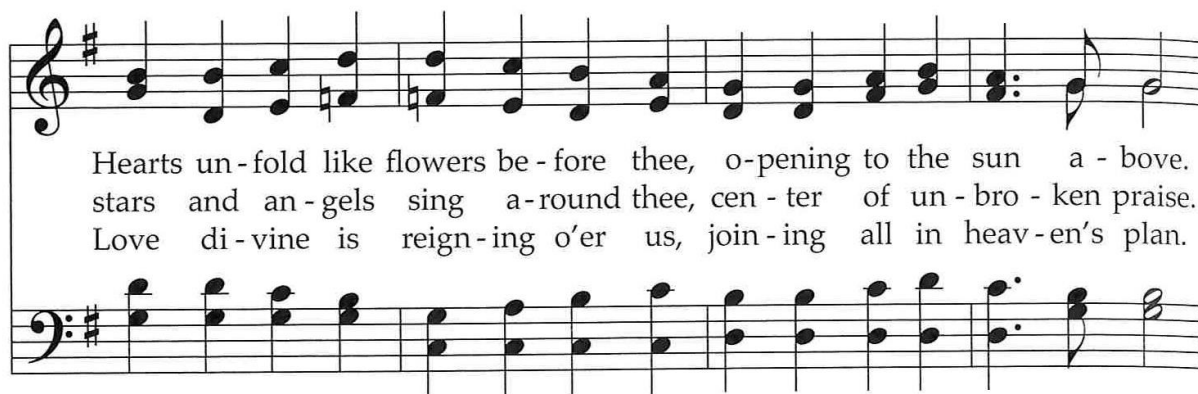
us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

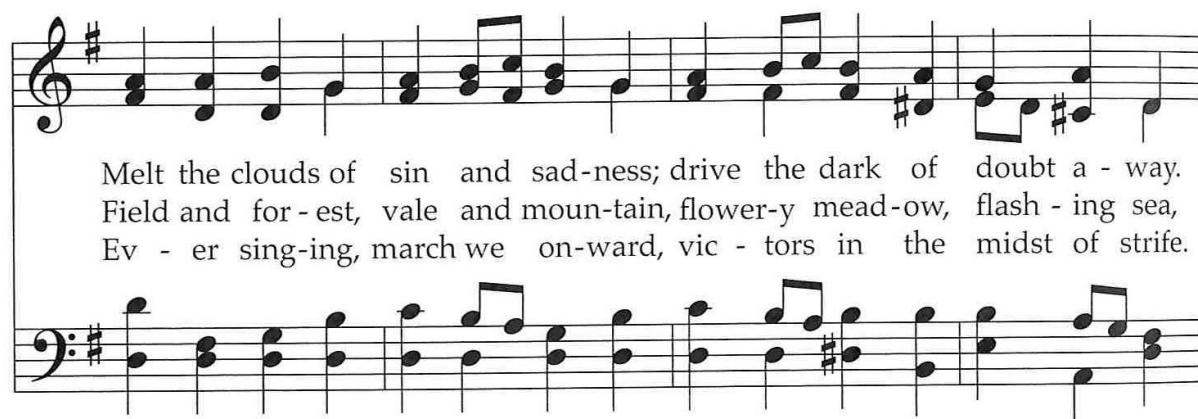
611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



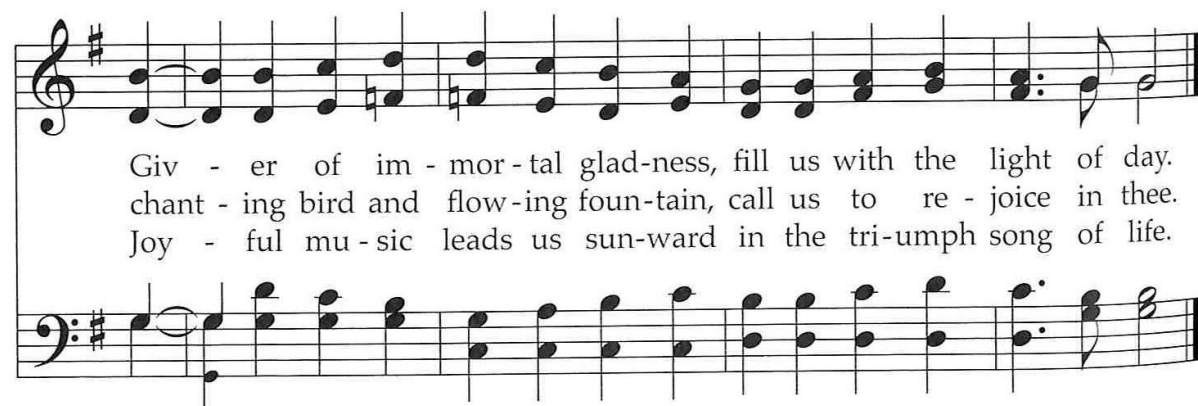
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.



MISSION IN MOTION OCTOBER PROJECT

Our October Mission Drive will focus on the Itturisho Primary School in Narok, Kenya that started in 2010. Pastor Clint and his previous congregation provided funds that built the first permanent classroom and the started the lunch program of maize and beans. The school has since grown to 500 students and money is needed to support the lunch program, to build more toilets since there are

currently only 3 pit latrines, and to provide additional desks to reduce the ratio of four students per one desk. The school's mission statement is: **To create a haven for academic excellence, restoration of hope, and self-reliance.** Our financial support for this school will help them in their mission!

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.

NURSERY POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE

We are pleased to announce that Mychaela Fegter has been hired to fill one of the Sunday Nursery positions, and Mikayla Cole has been hired for the Wednesday Nursery.

We need one more person to help staff the Nursery on Sundays and Wednesdays. 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, and the Wednesday position is from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. 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



There will be an informational meeting concerning Confirmation after worship on October 31st. Youth and their parents are invited to attend.