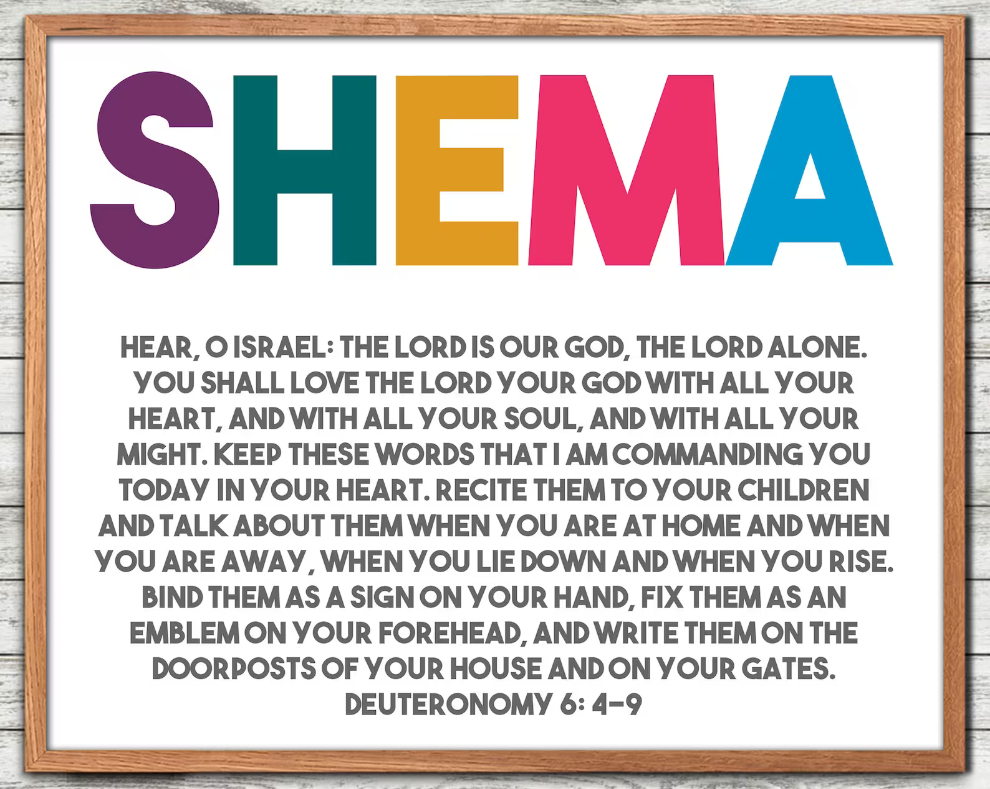
First Presbyterian Church

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*May 15, 2022*



Order of Worship

**Sunday Worship, May 15, 2022**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**First PC, Norfolk, NE**

**Prelude**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**People: And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Passing of the Peace:**

Signing in American Sign Language (ASL)

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

**People: And also with you.**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens,

**People: praise him in the heights above.**

Leader: Praise him, all his angels.

**People: praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon,

**People: praise him, all you shining stars.**

Leader: Praise him, you highest heavens

**People: and you waters above the skies.**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

**People: For he commanded and they were created.**

-- Psalm 148:1-5

**Opening Song (video)** “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

**Call to Confession**

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

*(We observe a time of silence for personal confession.)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! We are not only

baptized with water, but also with the Holy Spirit.

**People: God has given us the same gift that he gave the**

**apostles when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Response 579:** “Glory to the Father(Gloria Patri)”

**Choir Anthem** “Holy Ground”

**The Word**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Matthew 22:34-40

Message “The Jewish and Christian Shema,

the Greatest Command” Rev. Tino Naranjo

**Song of Response 276:**  “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

**Recognition of Graduates**

**Offering/Offertory**

**Response 592:** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(Doxology)

**Call to Prayer 599:** “Jesus, Remember Me”

Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.  
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Prayers of the People/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.***

**Final Song 432:**  “Canto de Esperanza (Song of Hope)”

v. 1 in Spanish

v. 2 in English

**Blessing and Sending**

**Postlude**

***Your song meaning will appear once it has been deemed awesome byour team of wizards. Add more meanings to earn more points!*We are glad** you chose to spend your Sunday morning with us, and we encourage you to return!

**Children of all ages are welcome in worship.** Children’s worship materials are available from the book cart. A Cry Room is located at the back of the sanctuary.

**Anyone who is considering membership** is welcome to attend an Inquirer’s Dinner on June 3rd at 5:30pm at First Presbyterian Church in the Community Room across from the office.

**The Deacon’s Mission for May is S.M.I.L.E.**, which stands for *“Stephanie’s Miracles in Loving Equine”*. The program began in 1992 and is a program pairing horses with special needs children. Located between Battle Creek and Madison it serves about 125 students during the summer months. Kids are taught not only riding skills, but also how to care

for and love the animals.

**Food Pantry.** May is the month for FPC to serve the Food Pantry. The Deacons are asking all who can serve to help in this mission. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Two volunteers are needed each day. Please give prayerful thought to fulfilling our mission. Thank You!

**In Honor of Brian Richter’s 75th Birthday**

Please join us for Open House:

Saturday, May 28th, 1pm – 4pm

First Presbyterian Church

**Pastor Brian & Linda** will be out of town from May 14th –May 17th. Reverend Jackie Perry will be covering pastoral emergencies in his absence (402-841-1709).

**Pastor Brian** will be in Lincoln, Thursday, May 19th, for Presbytery.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** FPC is sponsoring a blood drive on Wednesday, June 8th. If you would be available to volunteer some of your time to help out with the drive (nothing too difficult, we have been told), please contact Pastor Brian when he gets back.

**Birthdays**

Marlene Grunke 5/16

Crystal Beckenhauer 5/19

Karen Reimer 5/23

Jayne Mtika 5/28

Brian Richter 5/28

**Anniversaries**

None this week

**Prayers for God’s Children**

*🟅For healing and pain relief for those living with physical and emotional pain and for their families and friends*

*🟅For our members who are home-bound or in nursing facilities.*

*🟅For our mission partners.*

*🟅For the men and women serving in our armed force*

**This Week at First Pres**

Today: 10:00 AM – Worship

Monday: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM N/A (fellowship hall)

Tuesday: 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM N/A (fellowship hall)

Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM N/A (fellowship hall)

2:00 PM – *Bulletin Information Deadline*

6:45 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM N/A (fellowship hall)

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM TOPS (fellowship hall)

**Next Sunday at First Pres**

10:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM – Worship

**Elders Deacons**

**Class of 2022 Class of 2022**

Teri Wendel, *Christian Ed.* Kerry Richter

Jake Cox, *Properties*  Karen Reimer

Duane Severson, *Finance*  Greg Wendel, *Secretary*

**Class of 2023 Class of 2023**

Dennis Sateren, *Missions*Linda Douglas, *Co-Moderator*

David Unkel, *Personnel* Ann Letheby, *Treasurer*

Barb Beckmann, *Worship/Cong.* **Class of 2024**

**Class of 2024** Mark Johnson, *Co-Moderator*

Kathy Naranjo, *Worship/Cong.* Sherry Johnson

Linda Cox, *Clerk of Session* Jayne Mtika

**Elders of the Month –** Linda Cox & Kathy Naranjo

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Receipts $42,966.32 - Disbursements $47,362.75 = Net ($4,396.43)

Last Sunday Attendance 73

**Worship Leaders & Staff**

PASTOR Rev. Brian Johnson

MUSIC DIRECTOR Greta Johnson ORGANIST Steve Reinke

SOUND TEAM Joe Mtika, Barb Beckman

PRAISE TEAM Kim Rusk, Joe Mtika

LAY READER Sonja Putnam

**Credits: “Open the Eyes of My Heart” by Hillsong**

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**9 am to 4 pm Tues. – Thur.**

**9 am to 1 pm Fri.**

**or other times by appointment**

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