

Prelude

*My Song Will Wake the Dawn*

by Eugene Englert  
Mitchell Jerko, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Paul Dittmar

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 119)

Paul Dittmar

Listen! The Lord calls out to us, offering life!  
Walk in the paths of God's commandments with delight.  
Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God,  
that we might turn to you and live!

Come, and let us worship God!

Hymn #663

*Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*

Prayer of Confession

*Merciful God, deliver us.  
Too often we give into selfish and vain desires,  
driving wedges between those you have reconciled to yourself in Christ Jesus.  
We are too quick to follow evil when it masquerades as good and,  
rather than nurturing healing and working for peace,  
we quarrel and become jealous.  
Turn us away from the death sin inflicts.  
Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings.  
Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive,  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Paul Dittmar

Awaken our hearts and minds to your Word, O God.  
Give us understanding so that,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
we are able to do all that you command for love's sake.  
This we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Paul Dittmar

Special Music

*Wonderful Words of Life*

Arr. by Mark Hayes  
Reg Pittman, Soloist

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

“Watching, Waiting, Witnessing”

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn #754

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

Offering/Prayer of Dedication

Those joining in worship “in-person” were invited to participate in offering their tithes and gifts as they entered the sanctuary. For those joining in worship “at home” we invite you to offer your lives to the service of Christ, during this time. If you wish to give a tithe or other financial gift, you may do so by sending a check to the church office (801 Leavenworth St., Manhattan, KS 66502) or by visiting our church website (<http://www.firstpresmanhattan.com/giving/ways-to-give/>). Thank you for your support, and your contribution to the outreach and ministry of Jesus through this congregation!

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Toccata from Variations on Foundation*

by Anthony Giamanco  
Mitchell Jerko, Organist

## Announcements

The flowers on the communion table this morning are provided by Pat and Carolyn Fellows to Celebrate their 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. In addition, we have flowers from John and Shirley Shimp, Remembering their Sons, their Outdoorsmen: Daniel Charles and John Fredrick Shimp.

**Limited In-Person and On-Line Worship:** It is with faith, hope and determination that we reopen our church to in-person services so that we can once again share the joy of being with each other to worship God in unity, as our nation and communities live through the Covid-19 era. **If you intend to attend, we ask you to email (therese@firstpresmanhattan.com) or call the church office at (785) 537-0518 to sign up by Friday, September 4th by NOON with all First and Last names of those who will be attending,** and we will accept the first 50 worshippers on a first-come basis. We also ask that if you are attending in person that you wear your name tag so everyone is easily identifiable.

As a precautionary measure due to COVID-19, the cry room is unavailable. With love we welcome little ones in our worship service! If you wish to step out with your child, feel free to utilize the narthex sitting area at your discretion. A diaper changing station is located in the narthex's south-facing restroom, down the hallway from the elevator.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*

**The Deacon's Offering:** The first Sunday of the month Deacons traditionally collect for their missions, which support the needs of our church and community families: Bridge Builders, Blessing Box, Life Skills Ministry, Hospital visits, Community meals, emergency assistance and many other activities which focus on individual in need. We encourage you to open your hearts and mail in your Deacon offerings to help the less fortunate.

**Dobson Organ Pipe Cleaning Project:** Our long-awaited Pipe Organ Cleaning Project that had been delayed by Dobson Company has been given the *green light* and is rescheduled for the 10 weekdays in September 14 -25. The purpose of the project is to restore the brilliance of our fine instrument!

Several of our members have already signed up and are on the email list, but we need more people to be on call to be sure we have enough help. Here are some key points:

- We welcome people of all ages who are willing and able.
- The work is easy, and it promises to be a learning experience and a lot of fun, and lunch will be provided daily.
- The expert Dobson crew will provide all special equipment and materials and will supervise. Brief training will be conducted on-the-spot. The operation will be safe, and Covid-19 protocols will be followed.
- To sign up, call the church office, or contact Paul Dittmar at 785-340-5327 (text or phone) or email at [dittmar1@cox.net](mailto:dittmar1@cox.net). You will be sent an email with a link to a calendar-scheduling tool called a Doodle Poll, which will ask for times you are available to be on call.
- We need 6-8 volunteers at a given time, so you will be asked to be present only when we need you.

Please do consider participating in this important project! More information will follow, so please stay tuned.

**Together In the Word** is the new faith formation curriculum we invite all disciples (at every age and stage!) to use during this time of forced separation due to COVID-19. Be on the lookout for more information on how you can join the entire congregation in this journey and continue our mission to love and serve God and one another!

There will be an **American Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 2:00 p.m.** in Presby Place. To schedule your life-saving appointment to donate blood visit the Red Cross website at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or email Ray Coffey at [rcoffey9@cox.net](mailto:rcoffey9@cox.net).

**The Church office will be closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in Observance of Labor Day.**

**Offering Options:** Several members of our congregation have inquired about how best to make their offering since we are not together in person for services on Sunday. There are many options for you:

- 1) Mail a check to the church office at 801 Leavenworth, Manhattan, KS 66502
- 2) Give Online—Access the church website at [Firstpresmanhattan.com](http://Firstpresmanhattan.com), look for the “Giving Tab” at the top right-hand corner of the page, and click on “Ways To Give.” Then use your credit card or debit card to make your offering. All online payments are secure and processed using PayPal online payment services.
- 3) Utilize Offering Envelopes. These offering envelopes are mailed every month to each member, unless otherwise requested.
- 4) Set-up ACH Debit. You can contact the church office to complete this process so that your preferred amount will automatically be debited from your checking account on a designated day each month.

## Call To Service

Please consider joining other **BRIDGE BUILDERS** in our congregation, who are working to establish a strong link between our church home and the shut-in members still wanting a connection to their church family. The qualifications are simple...a caring heart and a few minutes in your schedule to make a visit or a call to someone in need of a “special friend.” Each **BRIDGE BUILDER** will be assigned to one “special friend” and the connection between you is of your own design. If you want to be a part of this very special mission within our own congregation, please email our church office at [therese@firstpresmanhattan.com](mailto:therese@firstpresmanhattan.com) or call the office at 785-537-0518.

**Community Meals NEEDS your help!** Community Meals currently serves to-go meals on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. which includes a to-go breakfast as well. We are in need of volunteers who are willing to help with bringing food and/or serving the food. For more information, please contact Claudia Voos at [cvoos@burnettauto.com](mailto:cvoos@burnettauto.com) or Missy Cox at [mjc\\_2188@hotmail.com](mailto:mjc_2188@hotmail.com)

**Blessing Box...**Did you know that some members of our congregation join with the members of First Congregational Church to place short-term-need items in the BLESSING BOX at Poyntz Avenue and Juliette Street! Non-perishable food items such as pop-top cans of soup, chili, stew, tuna, fruit and jars of peanut butter, protein bars, breakfast bars. Hygiene items such as bars of soap, small bottles of shampoo, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes and toothpaste. All are welcomed by members of our community family whose lack of resources keep them from purchasing these necessities for themselves. This is a 24/7/365 days a year project. Contributions now and throughout the year can be designated for THE BLESSING BOX and dropped off at the church office. We have a BLESSING CUPBOARD where items are stored until placed in THE BLESSING BOX as they are needed. Please share your extra blessings with those who are struggling. Your generosity is always appreciated.

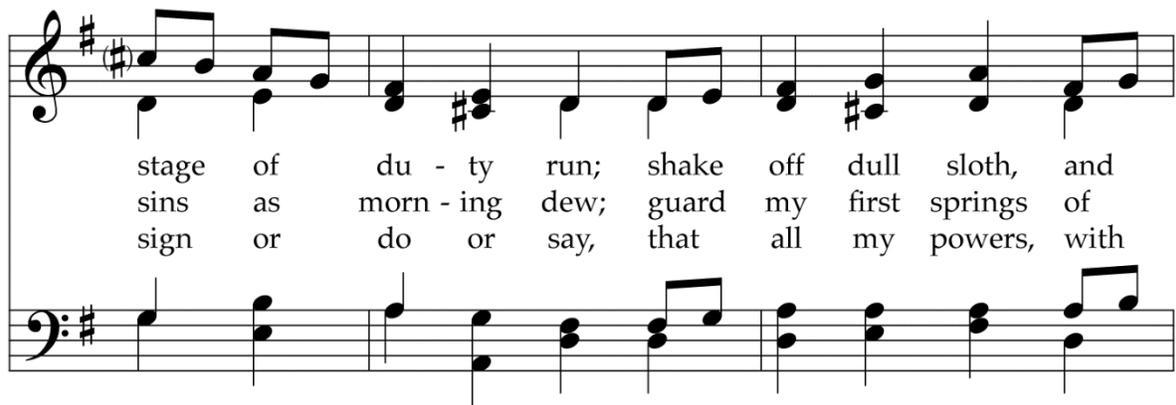
## Prayer Corner

If you would like to be included in the prayer corner of the weekly email, please contact Therese Szatkowski, Communications Coordinator, [therese@firstpresmanhattan.com](mailto:therese@firstpresmanhattan.com); 785-537-0518.

## 663 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your dai - ly  
 2 Lord, I my vows to you re - new. Dis - perse my  
 3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all I de -



stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
 sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
 sign or do or say, that all my powers, with



joy - ful rise to pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 thought and will, and with your - self my spir - it fill.  
 all their might, in your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

These three stanzas (of the original fifteen) convey the essence of the morning hymn that was paired with "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night" (no. 675) in the daily devotions of the boys at Winchester College. This tune was later composed especially for these words.

# Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.