

Prelude

*Adagio from the Violin Sonata in G Minor*

by J.S. Bach  
Mitchell Jerko, pianist

Welcome and Announcements

Jan Gibbs

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 103)

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People of God, bless the Lord,  
bless God's holy name.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is God's steadfast love for us.

Come, and let us worship God!

Hymn #619

*Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

Prayer of Confession

*Loving God, we confess that we have failed to live in harmony  
with our sisters and brothers.  
We have been self-righteous in attitude,  
close-minded in belief,  
judgmental in our opinions,  
and shunning toward those who do not endorse our convictions.  
Forgive our discord and conceit, O God.  
Heal our divisions and quarreling.  
Help us to be charitable in our regard for others  
that we may dwell in peace with Christ,  
who is Lord of all.*

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

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Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit  
open our understanding  
that we may receive the Word of life. Amen.

First Scripture Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

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Special Music

*Pie Jesu by Gabriel Fauré, from Requiem in D minor, Op. 48*

arranged by Paul Hunt  
Dr. Paul Hunt, trombone

Second Scripture Lesson: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

“Lord, Forgive Me”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Hymn #435

*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*

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

*March Pontificale*

by William Stickles  
Mitchell Jerko, pianist

## Announcements

The flowers on the Communion table this morning are provided by Ray and Maxine Coffey in Memory of their son, Kevin Coffey. In addition, we have flowers Memory of a special nephew, Kevin Coffey from his Aunt Mary.

If you would like **to provide flowers for the communion table**, we have openings on October 11, 18, 25; November 1; December 20 and 27, please call the church office at 785-537-0518 and we will add your name to the sign-up sheet. If you have **vases at home from previous week flowers, please return them to the office**. We return all vases to Kistner's Flowers to help keep our cost down.

**Thank you Dr. Paul Hunt** for providing special music this morning. Dr. Hunt is Professor and the Lead Undergraduate Advisor for the Music Program at K-State.

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*

**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).

**ECM needs your plastic containers!** Please bring your used(cleaned) or new plastic storage containers (with lids attached and big enough to fit a meal) to one of our drop off locations. With them, we can distribute "Real Food Lunch" for fresh meals at home for KSU students! Tupperware drop-off locations: ECM at 904 Sunset Ave. **DROP OFF TUB BY THE PARKING LOT DOOR BETWEEN 10AM-10PM, MONDAY-FRIDAY**

### 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.

# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your  
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears  
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our  
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,  
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,  
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

## 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.

These stanzas, excerpted from quite a few more, offer a reminder that the model for our dealings with others should be God's generosity rather than limited human tolerance. The text is effectively set to a broad and sturdy Dutch folk melody, probably from the 17th century.