

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



April 24, 2016
10:45 a.m.

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Prelude

Two Liturgical Preludes for Organ

George Oldroyd

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Bailey Bowles and Samantha Gales

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is alive; let all the people praise him.

People: Let all creation sing with joy. Alleluia!

*Prayer of the Day

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

*Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth No. 473

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences, opens us to new horizons; yet, we often respond with fear and judgment which hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.
Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

*Song of Thanksgiving

Gloria Patri

No. 579

*The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(The children may come forward during the greeting.)

Time with the Children

Volunteer Recognition and Lindsey Hellwig Recognition

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another comforter,
That he may abide with you forever,
Even the spirit of truth.*

Scripture Readings

Acts 11:1-8, 13:31-35

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Who Am I to Hinder God?"
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Hymn

Let the Whole Creation Cry

No. 256

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

In This Very Room

Ron Harris

Sarah Gutierrez Gretchen & Steve Bixler

In this very room, there's quite enough love for one like me (all of us/all the world).

In this very room, there quite enough joy for one like me (all of us/all the world).

And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom.

For Jesus, Lord Jesus is in this very room.

- *Doxology No. 592
- *Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn *To God Be the Glory* No. 485
- *Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
- *Choral Response
- Recessing with the Candles of Presence
- *Postlude *Sortie in D* Th. Salomé

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Dick Wieland
Steve Bixler
Gary Huffman