# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



October 1, 2017 10:45 a.m. Communion October 1, 2017

# **World Communion Sunday**

10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Paean

Dale Wood

Processional

Torre Rekoske & Katelyn Young

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting! **People: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?**Leader: Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning! **People: But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?**Leader: Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

People: Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a

new song together!

\*Prayer of the Day

Redeemer God, as we gather in worship on this World Communion Sunday, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you have given to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for your peace and justice. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

No. 288

Call to Confession

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

# **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, you have called us to one table, but we have followed our own course. You have promised the bread of life, but in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished too, Lord. Have mercy on us and forgive us again. Transform us, at this table, and send us *from* this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son our Lord. Amen.

Silence

**Choral Response** 

## Assurance of Pardon

Friends, we have been called and claimed by the God of all things. By the abundance of God's grace, and the power of God's love, our sins have been forgiven. Go in peace. **Amen.** 

\*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

Tammi Schulte

First Reading

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

Second Reading

Matthew 21: 23-32

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Upside of Giving Up" Pastor Judy Conners

## Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem O Sifuni Mungu David Maddox Josh Holcomb, Sarah Gutierrez and Gretchen Bixler, Trio

<sup>\*</sup>Doxology No. 592

<sup>\*</sup>Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west, north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It's not a Presbyterian table. It's not an American table. It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace. So, come and take your place at the table. You are welcome, you are invited, you are called: come, let us share this meal together.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: We thank you, Oh God, for the nourishment of your table and the redeeming love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We thank you for the company of your great cloud of witnesses, here in this place. We thank you, in particular, for the fellowship that comes from our shared worship with the Wichita Refugee Congregation . Take your gathered people and scatter us again into the world... renewed, invigorated, and committed, that so nourished, we may take root and bear life-giving fruit to feed, heal, clothe and comfort, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Lord's Prayer P.H. Pg. 16

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, we thank you for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

\*Hymn Special Music Wichita Refugee Congregation

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

\*Choral Response

Recessional

\*Postlude Interlude Hermann Schroeder

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)