

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



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

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World Communion Sunday

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Prelude

Paeon

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

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

