

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



October 2, 2016  
10:45 a.m.  
*Communion*

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**20th Sunday after Pentecost**

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Prelude

*Largo*

G. F. Handel

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Meryt Ediger & Katelyn Young

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of war and division, we wait for God:

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end.**

Leader: In the midst of devastation and loss, we wait for God:

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end.**

Leader: In the midst of change and uncertainty, we wait for God:

**People: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,  
God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.**

Leader: Great is your faithfulness, O God!

\*Prayer of the Day

Faithful Lord, present in sorrow, present in hope, allow our lament with space to seek you, that we may not forget that your steadfast love never ceases and your spirit forever flows.

**Amen.**

\*Hymn

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

No. 441

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you have called us to live in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel. We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience. Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty. We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others. Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first. We confess that in our own lives, and in the church, we rely on our power rather than yours. Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples. Take away from us a spirit of cowardice, and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used, of love unconditionally offered, and of self-discipline gracefully lived. In your mercy, forgive us and increase our faith, that we may be faithful servants at your table. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!

Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; anew life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:1-14

Second Reading

Luke 17:5-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Rekindling the Faith that is within You ”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith

Selected Scriptures from the New Testament

**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 Sacred Feast*

Healey Willan

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Indeed, blessed are you...Great is the mystery of faith:

**People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Eat the bread as you are served.*

*Please hold the cup. We will commune together.*

Communion Music

*Meditation*

Leo Sowerby

Prayer after Communion

\*Closing Music by the Congolese Congregation

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

\*Postlude

*Fantasia*

John Lee

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)