

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



October 8, 2017
10:45 a.m.

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Paul Manz

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Dale Wood

Processional

Iain Cline & Meryt Ediger

Greetings

Minute for Durfee Lecture Series

*Call to Worship

(from Psalm 146)

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: Praise the Lord, my soul. As long as I live I will praise the Lord; I will sing psalms to my God all my life long.

Leader: Put no faith in princes, in any person who has no power to save.

People: Happy is the person whose helper is the God of Jacob, whose hopes are in the Lord God, maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord feeds the hungry and sets the prisoner free.

People: The Lord restores sight to the blind and straightens backs which are bent.

Leader: The Lord loves the righteous and watches over the stranger.

People: The Lord gives heart to the orphans and widow but turns the course of the wicked to their ruin.

All: The Lord shall reign for all generations. Praise the Lord.

*Hymn

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

No. 262

Call to Confession

Since we have a great high priest, Jesus the Son of God, who has sympathized with our weaknesses and been tested in every way, yet without sin, let us approach God's mercy and grace as we confess our sinfulness. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

While Your steadfast love is everlasting, ours is pretty paltry. For the most part we live comfortable lives of cultural conformity. We limit our generosity to what is convenient. We busy ourselves with things of lesser importance. We don't take time to be holy or speak often with our Lord. We seldom pursue justice or righteousness. We are frequently faithless. In short, our thoughts are not Your thoughts and our ways are not Your ways.

Have mercy on us; create in us a pure heart; instill a zealous spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." We give thanks that Jesus petitioned forgiveness for us before Your throne of mercy and that through his life's teaching and sacrifice you have answered his prayer on our behalf. Let us be alive to that which is good. In the name of Jesus our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God. 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

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

Anthem

The Heavens Are Telling (from *The Creation*)

Franz Haydn

Gretchen Bixler, Soprano; Terry McManis, Baritone; Josh Holcomb, Tenor

The Heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonders of His work displays the firmament.

The day that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night.

In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

Second Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"It is Marvelous in our Eyes"

Rev. Thomas M. Church

*Affirmation of Faith

from "A Declaration of Faith"

In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus God already demonstrated his judging and saving work. We are warned that rejecting God's love and not

caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from him and them. Yet we are told that God loves the whole world and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ. We live in tension between God's warnings and promises....Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not exempting the most unlikely from the promises. Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are sure that God's future for every person will be both merciful and just. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)/You Make Me Brave

Cook, Crocker, Houston & Lighthelm

Sarah Gutierrez, Alto & Josh Holcomb, Tenor

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

No. 339

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

Recessional

*Postlude

God of Our Fathers

Steven Scott

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Parish Associate

Judy Conners

Speaker

Tom Church

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Mark Sweeney

Piano

Josh Holcomb