

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



October 9, 2016
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Prelude Prelude and Fugue in F Major J.S. Bach

Entering with the Candles of Presence Sierra Coldwater & Torre Rekoske

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God's name.

People: How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Leader: Come and see what God has done: turning the sea into dry land; bringing us across the river Jordan.

People: How awesome are your deeds, O God! We sing praises to your name.

Leader: Even when God has tested us; even when we have gone through fire and water: God has brought us out to a spacious place.

People: Our God is an awesome God!

*Prayer of the Day

God of our salvation, you are the source of wisdom and joy. Your love and mercies are not limited to one time or to one people. You continue to heal and to save, transcending the artificial boundaries and barriers we set. For such expansive love, it is our right, duty, and joy to offer you all our thanks and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

No. 460

Prayer of Confession

Since Jesus Christ was a descendant of David, Christ shared our humanity. He understands our struggles to be faithful. Yet even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Jesus came not to condemn or exclude, but to make us well, to make us whole. In his name we confess our sins and call out, "Lord, have mercy on us!"

God of mercy and grace, we are meant to praise you and give thanks to you always. We confess that we do not live out of constant gratitude. We harbor resentment for what we lack. We blame you; we blame others. We doubt your compassion, even your power. We find it hard to give ourselves to you, or to others, in generous expressions of gratitude and praise. Forgive us, we pray, for attitudes and behaviors that diminish our joyful thanksgiving. Heal and restore us so that we may return to you with a right

spirit. Help us to live holy and joyful lives, befitting people you love and save. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

In the waters of baptism, we have died with Christ and we have been raised with him to new life. Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. In Christ we are forgiven and set free to live in praise and thanksgiving!

Thanks be to God!

*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

2nd Timothy 2:8-15

Anthem

Make a Joyful Noise

J.S. Bach

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness, all ye lands.

Come before His presence with singing.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands

Second Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Faith that Makes Us Well ”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

No. 288

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

The Impossible Dream

Mitch Leigh & Joe Darion

Terry McManis, Baritone

To dream the impossible dream

To fight the unbeatable foe

To bear with unbearable sorrow

To run where the brave dare not go

To right the unrightable wrong To love pure and chaste from afar

To try when your arms are too weary To reach the unreachable star

This is my quest, To follow that star

No matter how hopeless, No matter how far

To fight for the right Without question or pause

To be willing to march into Hell For a heavenly cause

And I know if I'll only be true To this glorious quest

That my heart will lie peaceful and calm, When I'm laid to my rest

And the world will be better for this

That one man, scorned and covered with scars

Still strove with his last ounce of courage

To reach the unreachable star

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

No. 419

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

*Postlude

Dialogue sur les grands jeux

Francois Couperin

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Liturgist

Jane Rhoads

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Mark Sweeney