

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



First Sunday in Lent
February 14, 2016
10:45 a.m.

Prelude *Psalm Prelude (Set 2, No. 1)* Herbert Howells

Entering with the Candles of Presence Samantha Gales and Sailor Sulier

Greetings

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey.

People: The journey begins in the wilderness.

Leader: We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

People: Like Jesus, we are not alone.

The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Leader: Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God's will in all things.

**People: For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.**

***Prayer of the Day**

God Most High, thank you for signs of your power and grace, shown to us even in the wilderness. Give us courage to stand firm in your Word in every time of trial and testing, that we may enter the land of your freedom and receive the salvation you so generously give: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

No. 81

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture declares, The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name. Friends, believe the good news: God does not turn away from us, but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
(Words may be found in hymnal, pg. 101)

Gilbert Martin

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Sermon

"Lent: A Time When Faith is Tested "

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith

(from Deuteronomy 26:4-9)

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: **"A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey."**

*Hymn *O For a Closer Walk with God* No. 397
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer P.H. Pg. 16

Call to Stewardship

Let us worship God with our tithes and our offerings.

**"So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you,
O LORD, have given me."** (Deuteronomy 26:10)

Offertory *Love Ye the Lord* G.F. Handel
Tiffany Hesser, Soprano

*Love ye the Lord for his great mercy, and loving kindness to all His saints.
Love Ye the Lord for He is gracious, and will deliver your souls, and give you peace.
For His great mercy love ye the Lord, and He will deliver you from all fear,
and give you rest to your souls, and give you rest to your souls.*

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* No. 398

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

*Postlude *Adagio from Sonata in E Flat, BWV 525* J.S. Bach

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

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