

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



March 11, 2018  
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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**4th Sunday in Lent**

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Prelude

*Fugue on BACH*

Robert Schumann

\*\*Processional

Brandon Bowles & Aidan Schulte

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, who is good;

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let the Redeemed say so...

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Thanks be to God.

\*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, in order that the children of earth might discern good from evil you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ shines upon us, may we learn what pleases you, and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

*God is Here*

No. 461

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy of our complaints. We grumble about the evils in our world, even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit.**

**We fret about the scarcity of resources while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor. We protest the problems of our world, but we do not actively work to address them.**

**Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace.**

**Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**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 Peace.)*

\*\*Time with the Children

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

Anthem

*I Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills*

Rene Clausen

Text: Psalm 121

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Looking Up for Deliverance”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Ascription of Praise

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth  
and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

P.H. Pg. 16

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*You Raise Me Up*

Lovland/Graham

Justin Petersen , Tenor; Josh Mitchell, Violin

*When I am down and oh, my soul, so weary,  
When troubles come and my heart burdened by,  
Then I am still and wait here in the silence  
until you come and sit a while with me.*

Chorus: *You raise me up so I can stand on mountains.*

*You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.*

*I am strong when I am on your shoulders.*

*You raise me up to more than I can be. (Chorus.)*

\*Doxology

No. 592

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn

*Lift High the Cross*

No. 371

\*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response

\*\*Recessional

\*Postlude

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

Johannes Brahms

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

\*\*denotes 10:45 a.m. service

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor

Parish Associate

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Judy Conners

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney