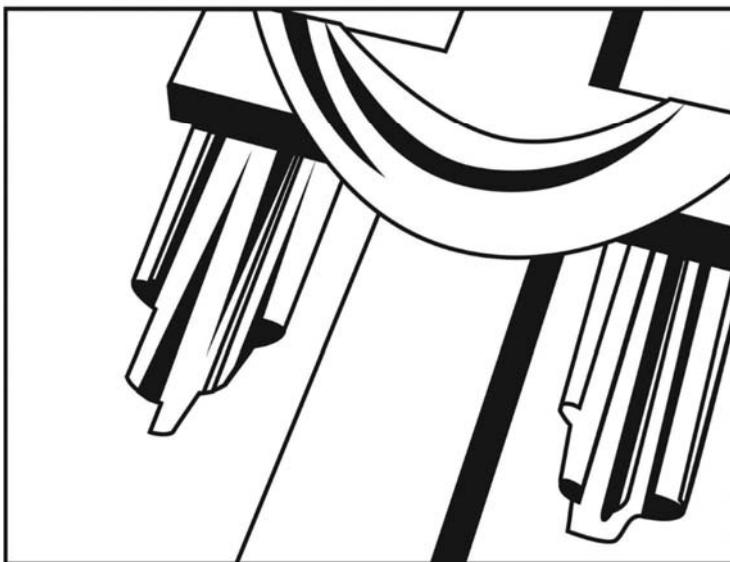


First Presbyterian Church

Wichita, Kansas

F O U R T H

Sunday in Lent



March 26, 2017
10:45 a.m.

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4th Sunday in Lent

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Prelude

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde Gross
(O Man, bewail thy sins so great)

J. S. Bach

Processional

Samantha Gales & Khyah Van Es

Greetings

Choral Introit

Oak Grove Lutheran School

*Call to Worship

Leader: God does not see as mortals see.

We look on the outward appearance; God looks on the heart.

People: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Leader: Once we lived in darkness, but now— as children of light,
we are called to what is good and right and true.

People: Jesus, Light of the World, give us eyes to see as you see!

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, why is it that we look, but do not see?

Bring us again and again into your light until your ways become visible to us, and bear fruit in us. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, a “before” and “after,” a “now” and “then”; that we may also say, “one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. In Christ’s light, we pray.

Amen.

*Hymn

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

No. 92

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We keep shameful deeds secret, but flaunt our occasional acts of virtue. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. We do not stand firmly enough with those who are vulnerable, but step back, protecting ourselves.

Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly.

Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your

light that we may live more fruitful lives. Keep raising us, we pray, from the

deadness of sin, and shine upon us with your grace. We pray in the name of

Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*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

Ephesians 5:8-14

Anthem

Agnus Dei (from Requiem)

Gabriel Faure

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world:

O grant them rest for evermore.

Lamb of God, hear us, we pray thee, savior of all the world.

Light perpetual shine upon them, Lord, we pray:

With all thy saints in endless glory, for Thy tender mercy's sake.

O grant them rest for evermore.

Second Reading

John 9:1-41

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Blindness Can be Cured, but not Spiritual Blindness?”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

No. 324

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Pie Jesu (from Requiem)

Gabriel Faure

Gretchen Bixler, Soprano

Blessed Jesu, Lord, I pray in Thy mercy grant them rest.

Grant them everlasting rest.

*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 *Postlude* Harald Rohlig

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Judy Connors
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney