

First Presbyterian Church
Wichita, Kansas



April 16, 2017

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Easter

10:45 a.m.

Prelude *Lift High the Cross* Donald Busarow

Processional Samantha Gales and Sailor Sulier

Greetings

He is risen.

He is risen indeed!

Minute for Stewardship Elevate Your Giving Tom Warner

Bell Introit *Triumphal Entry* Michael Desmond
James Ringers

*Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our lord, has conquered the grave.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Sin and death shall reign no more.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Leader: Let this place resound with joy.

People: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

*Hymn *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* No. 123

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, through the power of the holy spirit we have been raised from the waters of baptism to share in your glorious resurrection. Yet, we have not lived as Easter people. We are unsure of your promise, confused about your will, and afraid in the face of danger. Like Mary, we weep at the tomb, but do not recognize your presence. Call us by name, risen Lord, that we may know you with confidence.

Whenever we are tempted to fear death, give us courage to confess your Easter victory.

Whenever we are distracted by petty conflicts, keep our minds on your reconciling love.

Whenever we are overwhelmed by the power of evil, reveal again to us your triumph over the destructive powers of oppression.

Forgive us our sin and let our lives be a testimony to your salvation through the love of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit. 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

Acts 10:34-43

Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus

W. A. Mozart

*Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary
Who truly suffered sacrifice on the cross for man
Whose side was perforated and flowed blood.
Be for us a foretaste of death examined.*

Second Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Nothing Like an Earthquake to Shake Things Up!”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed (Traditional) pg. 14 PH

*Hymn

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

No. 115

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

P.H. Pg. 16

Alice Price

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Give Me Jesus

Arr. Fleming

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *The Day of Resurrection!* No. 118

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response *Hallelujah Chorus* G. F. Handel
(from *Messiah*)

Recessional

*Postlude From Symphony V: Charles-Marie Widor
Toccata in F Major

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

A big *Thank You* to the Gardens and Grounds team for sprucing up the church grounds and commons area in preparation for Holy Week and our Easter celebrations. Besides a lot of general clean up, we tore out old shrubbery at the SW parking lot entrance and planted scores of dianthus, lamb's ear, and violets. In the main East courtyard we planted many pansies and trimmed up the entire area. Thanks to Dave Wade, JD Page, Jack Mahan, Joanna Ediger, Dennis Black, Doug and Joan Aldrich, Linda Davisson, Dick Wieland, and Tom Church for their labor of love.



Thank you to everyone who provided candy for today's activities.
We really appreciate your help!

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor	Brent O. Johnston
Parish Associate	Judy Conners
Director of Music & James Ringers	Steve Bixler
Organist	Mark Sweeney
Violin	Adrienne Dougherty, Laura Black, Caroline Anderson
Cello	Lindsey Hellwig