

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



April 23, 2017  
10:45 a.m.

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**2nd Sunday of Easter**

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Prelude Variations on *O Sons and Daughter, Let Us Sing!* David Lasky

Processional Samantha Gales and Khyah Van Es

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: It is God who draws us here to praise that which is bigger than us.

**People: A desire to give thanks for the bountiful gifts of life.**

Leader: It is God who draws us here for comfort in a troubled world.

**People: To challenge our half-hearted efforts.**

Leader: It is God who draws us here

**People: To sing and pray, to experience the risen Christ!**

\*Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn *Thine is the Glory* No. 122

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Redeeming God, you bring life out of dead ends, and hope in the midst of despair. Forgive us for doubting that you are still at work even in the darkest hour, even in the most painful moments. Forgive us for our hesitance to act, our cautious compassion, our too-frequent reluctance. Teach us a stillness that leads to acts of kindness and clear vision. Shape in us a trust that leads to faithful witness and bold compassion. Form us in your love that loosens our worry and eases our anger. Make us true disciples of Jesus Christ, filled with love, acting with justice, and living out hope. 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

I Peter 1:3-9

Anthem

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Gilbert Martin

Text can be found on page 101 of the Presbyterian Hymnal

Second Reading

John 20: 19-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Believe it or Not!”

Pastor Judy Connors

\*Hymn

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

No. 316

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

P.H. Pg. 16

Call to Stewardship

Offertory

*Early in the Morn’*

Peter Yarrow

Sarah Gutierrez, Gretchen & Steve Bixler

\*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

*Lift High the Cross*

John Leavitt

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor  
Parish Associate  
Director of Music  
Organist

Brent O. Johnston  
Judy Conners  
Steve Bixler  
Mark Sweeney