

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



May 21, 2017  
10:45 a.m.

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**6th Sunday of Easter**

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Prelude *Immortal, Invisible* Robert Powell

Processional Bronwen Burch & Keaton Pedrino  
Greetings

Bell Introit *Affirmation* Eugene Butler  
James Ringers Personnel

Thank you for the time and talents of the following:

Alisa Watkins, Stacey Rucker, Julia Feagan, Justin Petersen, Lynne Melton,  
Jane McHugh, Taylor Gill, Melinda Sears, Jared Kite,  
David Reitz, Carol Blumenshine, Gretchen Bixler  
Steve Bixler, Director

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

**People: Let the sound of praise ring out.**

Leader: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

**People: the Lord who has made everything!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of the Day

\*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 263

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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

John 14:15-21

Anthem

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

*If ye love me, keep my commandments,  
And I will pray the Father,  
And he shall give you another comforter,  
That he may abide with you forever,  
Even the spirit of truth.*

Second Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Spiritual but not Religious”  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Affirmation of Faith

(from Brief Statement of Faith)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* No. 321  
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer P.H. Pg. 16  
Mary Burgett

Call to Stewardship  
Offertory *Deep River* H.T. Burleigh  
Marilyn Heffner, Alto  
*Deep river, my home is over Jordan,  
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.  
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,  
That promised land where all is peace?  
Oh deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.*

\*Doxology No. 592  
\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* No. 376

\*Charge and Benediction  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

\*Choral Response  
Recessional

\*Postlude *Majestic Postlude* Mark Williams

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

<b>Room Assignment Key</b>	
<b>The Well</b> -Coffeehouse- First Level	<b>Hobbs</b> -3rd floor
<b>Parlor</b> -Room in South wing	<b>WDR</b> -West Dining Room
<b>C204 &amp; C201</b> -2nd floor	<b>RR</b> -Reception Room
<b>McComb</b> -Sanctuary Level	<b>EDR</b> -East Dining Room
	<b>EC</b> -Economy Corner

### **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor	Brent O. Johnston
Liturgist	Ann Eastwood
Parish Associate	Judy Connors
Director of Music	Steve Bixler