

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



June 25, 2017
9:30 a.m.

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Prelude and Aria

Robert Powell

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Zach Blessant & Chris Gales

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: In this season of Pentecost we are called to remember the Spirit surrounds us, within us and between us.

People: The Spirit brings awareness, conviction, courage and comfort.

Leader: The Spirit moves us to sing in praise and pray in thanksgiving.

People: May we sense the Spirit as we gather, filled by her fiery presence, fueled by her windy power, and fitted by her force of love when we head back into the world.

*Prayer of the Day

O God, you created all people in your image. We thank you for the surprising variety of races and cultures, of tribes and customs in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ from us until our understanding of your love is perfected in our love for all your children, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

No. 481

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of compassion and everlasting covenant, we confess that we live in a fractured world. We are reluctant to tackle the ills of society and disinterested in recognizing our own part in a culture that favors the powerful over the powerless, much less desiring to change. We would rather look away, look down, and hope these conditions would pass from our presence. Grant us faith and courage to face the issues that confront us and our neighbor with the spirit of the living Christ. Have mercy on our shortcomings and inspire us to do what honors your holy name. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, the God who loves us into life hears our prayers, forgives our alienation and urges us always to follow in the footsteps of his beloved Son, in whose image we are made. Believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*Song of Joy

Spirit of the Living God

No. 322

*The Peace

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, having revealed and embodied God's peace to all he touched in word and deed, and he promised this peace, would be available through the Holy Spirit to all who commit their lives to him. Thanks be to God for this most generous gift. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(The children may come forward during the greeting.)

Time with the Children

Bruce Cole

First Reading

Genesis 21: 8-21

Anthem

Thy Will

Hillary Scott

Sarah Gutierrez. Alto

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Wanted: Dead or Alive”

The Rev. Thomas M. Church

*Affirmation of Faith

(from Belhar Confession)

“We believe God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity, that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities life for society and the world.” **Amen.**

Call to Stewardship		
Offertory	<i>Arioso</i> Mark Sweeney, Organist	Raymond Haan
*Doxology		No. 592
*Prayer of Dedication		
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer		P.H. Pg. 16
	Gerry Winters	
*Hymn	<i>More Love to Thee, O Christ</i>	No. 359
*Charge and Benediction		
Leader:	The Lord be with you.	
People:	And also with you.	
Recessional		
*Postlude	<i>Dialogue sur les grands jeux</i>	Francois Couperin

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Parish Associate	Tom Church
Parish Associate	Judy Conners
Director of Music	Steve Bixler
Organist	Mark Sweeney