

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



July 3, 2016
9:30 a.m.
Communion

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Prelude *Let Us Break Bread Together* Dale Wood

Entering with the Candles of Presence Bailey Bowles

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Call upon the lord! I asked for help and I was healed!

**People: We asked for freedom, and we were given liberty beyond measure!
Praise God!**

*Prayer of the Day

O God, you send us out into the world as your disciples. Allow the church to be a healing presence, a place and a people that live out the essence of your kingdom, here and now; through Jesus Christ our lord, who lives and reigns with you and the holy spirit, one God, forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

No. 561

Prayer of Confession

God, you have caught us in our sinful behavior. We come to you with the hope of your restoration. We walk with our heads held high, without noticing others and their burdens. We are even blinded to our own! We keep our mouths silenced when we are full of stories to share about the good things that you have done for us. We even keep our actions silenced as we become so overwhelmed with the needs of the world that we do nothing to overcome them. Fill us with your peace and with your mercy. Free us from the destruction of sin and restore us to a life lived in you. Amen.

Silence

Meditative Music

Assurance of Pardon

Peace! Peace is what you receive from God when you know that your sins are forgiven. Peace is what you have when you know that the destruction of sin cannot harm you, because you are not alone in your journey of life. Therefore, peace, my sisters and brothers! in Jesus we have received forgiveness, and we have been restored!

Thanks be to God!

*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.

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

Second Reading

Galatians 6:7-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“May I Never Boast Except...”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith

(excerpt from *Heidelberg Catechism*)

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong-body and soul, in life and in death-not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Solo

America the Beautiful, traditional

Sarah Gutierrez, Alto

Steve Bixler, Guitar

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy...

who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty...dedicated to your service.

Leader: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God...now and forever.

People: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Eat the bread as you are served.

Please hold the cup. We will commune together.

Communion Music

Wine of Peace

Charles Camilleri

Mark Sweeney, Organist

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

No. 508

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

*Postlude

The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel

from Music for the Royal Fireworks

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)