

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



July 23, 2017
9:30 a.m.

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Prelude *Two Chorale Preludes: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier & Wachet Auf*
J.S. Bach; arr. Matt Naughtin

Processional Bailey Bowles

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Where can I flee from thy presence?

**People: If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

Leader: Surely the presence of the Lord was in this place
and I did not know it.

People: God is present bidden or not bidden.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Morning Has Broken

No. 469

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving

Take My Life

No. 391 (V.1 only)

*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

Genesis 28:10-19

Second Reading

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-34

Anthem

Les Rozeaux from the Thirteenth Ordre

F. Couperin;

Senza Sordina

arr. Carole N. Rabinowitz

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30. 36-43

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Weeds Among Wheat, Evil Among the Good, Our Work Among God's Work"

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith

(Excerpt from *Heidelberg Catechism*)

Q. 27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q. 28. What advantage comes from acknowledging God's creation and providence?

A. We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.

*Hymn *To God Be the Glory* No. 485
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer P.H. Pg. 16

Call to Stewardship
Offertory *Forlane from Orchestral Suite No. 1 in C Major* J.S. Bach:
Senza Sordina arr. Carole N. Rabinowitz
*Doxology No. 592
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *Lead On, O King Eternal* No. 448

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

Recessional

*Postlude *Sonata de Chiesa, Op. 3 No. 2* A. Corelli;
Senza Sordina arr. Caroline N. Rabinowitz

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor	Brent O. Johnston
Liturgist	Ann Eastwood
Parish Associate	Judy Conners
Director of Music	Steve Bixler
Organist	Mark Sweeney

Senza Sordina

Violins:	Kathy Massey
	Annetta Smith-Frankel
Viola:	Evon Russell
Cello:	Lindsey Hellwig