

# First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



July 30, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

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**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

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Prelude

*Largo*

G. F. Handel

Processional

Griffin Barker & Jacob Ediger

Greetings

\*Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**People: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

Leader: Praise the Lord.

\*Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Fill us with your mercy and your grace, that, with you to rule and guide, we may so use the good things of this present life that we do not neglect those of eternal worth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\*Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

No. 263

Call to Confession

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

Silence

## Assurance of Pardon

“We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.... What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us” (Romans 8:28, 31-34).

Brothers and Sisters, believe the Good News.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*Song of Joy *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 29:15-28

Anthem *Grace Upon Grace* Vader/McDonald

Eric Lawrence, Bass

Second Reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “God’s Way in the World and the Kingdom of God ”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

\*Hymn *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord* No. 392

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

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Call to Stewardship		
Offertory	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Hal Hopson
	Mark Sweeney, Organist	
*Doxology		No. 592
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Hymn	<i>O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee</i>	No. 357
*Charge and Benediction		
Leader: The Lord be with you.		
<b>People: And also with you.</b>		
Recessional		
*Postlude	<i>Fanfare</i>	Arthur Bliss

\*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

### Worship Leaders

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