

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas



July 31, 2016
9:30 a.m.

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

Paul Manz

Entering with the Candles of Presence

Iain Cline & Aidan Schulte

Greetings

*Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
“God’s steadfast love endures forever.”
Praise the Lord!**

*Prayer of the Day

Holy one, you see us for just who we are, and yet you love us with a parent’s love. In your enduring love for us, we see both our guilt and our acquittal. Gracious God, continue to guide us and teach us to walk in your ways. In the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

*Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

No. 276

Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways on account of your love for us. Yet, we do not always follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own separate way. Forgive us, O Lord, and return us to our rightful home in you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

Hear these words from our God: I cannot give up on you— my compassion grows warm and tender. When my children come trembling, I will bring them home. Believe the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. 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

Hosea 11:1-11

Anthem

Safe Within Your Arms
Gretchen Bixler, Soprano

Mark Hayes

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Death of a Vengeful God”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Ascription of Praise

Romans 11:33,36

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are God’s judgments and how inscrutable God’s ways! For from God and through God and to God are all things. To God be glory forever. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

David Cherwein

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

No. 339

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Recessing with the Candles of Presence

*Postlude

Ode to Joy

Hopson/Innes

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Urgent request from Episcopal Migration Ministries, Wichita

Greetings Church Partners,

I am putting out a quick request for a couple of items that we have immediate need for:
#1) 20 Crock Pots (new or used). We use them to prepare FIRST MEALS for our new arrivals. They will receive the crock pot to keep with their meal.

#2) Folks to mow lawns for our refugees. We cannot turn them loose with a lawnmower and gasoline for safety reasons. Most do not have a place to store those items safely either.

Please pass these requests along. And again, we appreciate how you have wrapped yourselves around the EMM ministry! We covet your prayers.

A quick update on refugee arrivals: We will be receiving about 34 beautiful people by the end of next week (July 27-29)! We are busy!!

Blessings!

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