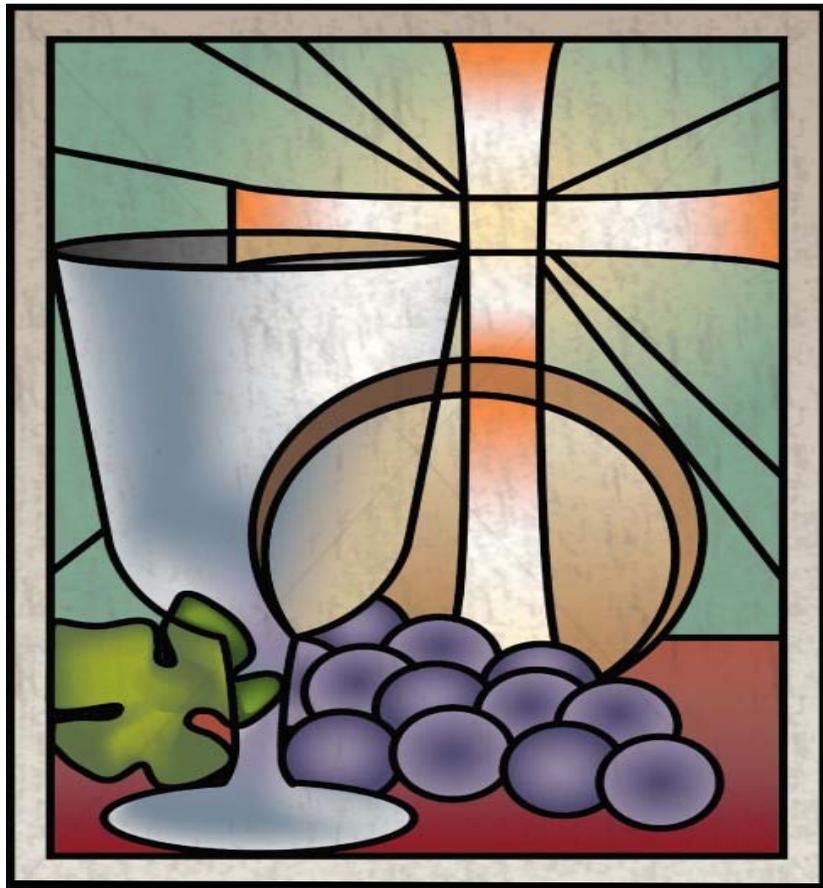


First Presbyterian Church

Wichita, Kansas



August 6, 2017
9:30 a.m.
Communion

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9th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Variations on *Duke Street*

Charles Callahan

Processional

Samantha Gales & Khyah Van Es

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: God meets us in our greatest need and satisfies us with the divine presence and provision. In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

*Prayer of the Day

Life-changing God, you have touched us and transformed us to reach out to all who hunger for what only you can give. Keep our feet in your paths and bless us to multiply blessings to others, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

*Hymn

Fight the Good Fight

No. 307

Call to Confession

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

God of the Dark Night of our soul, we have wrestled all night with an adversary called worry and fear; we have refused to let go of the past to embrace the present and look to the future; doubts plague us like a swarm of locusts refusing to leave us until the last bit of trust in your goodness is eaten away; if only we can hold on till dawn to see the sunrise to know the warmth of your love and the steadfastness of your promises—fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise. Like Jacob may we hold on to you till the break of day, that we might see your redeeming grace face to face. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

Silence

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*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 32:22-31

Second Reading

Matthew 26:36-46

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Magnificent Defeat”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith

(Traditional)

(Apostle’s Creed Pg. 14)

Call to Stewardship

Offertory Anthem

The Lord’s My Rock
Terry McManis, Baritone
*The Lord’s my rock, in him I hide,
A shelter in the time of storm.
Secure in whatever troubles I find,
A shelter in the time of storm.
Oh, Jesus is my rock in a weary land,
A shelter in the time of storm.*

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

P.H. Pg. 16

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Eat the bread as you are served.

Please hold the cup. We will commune together.

Communion Music

Meditation

Robert Powell

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn

Break Thou the Bread of Life

No. 329

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

Recessional

*Postlude

Finale on *Duke Street*

Charles Callahan

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Parish Associate

Liturgist

Director of Music

Organist

Brent O. Johnston

Judy Connors

Taylor Gill

Steve Bixler

Mark Sweeney