

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas

September 16, 2018 17th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German

**Processional Carter Bowles & Isaac Cline

Greetings

**Special Music *Aria, from Suite for Handbells* Eugene Butler
James Ringers

*Call to Worship

Leader: Look at the heavens! They are shouting the glory of God.

People: The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

Leader: Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

People: Let our words of praise be acceptable to you, Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

*Prayer of the Day

O God, you created the world through your Word. Your Word is powerful! And so are our words. They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love; but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth. Give us your wisdom, God of the Word, so that as a church and as individuals, we use our words to build up and not to destroy. **Amen.**

*Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* No. 324

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

You have called us, O God, and we have refused to listen; you have stretched out your hand and we have not taken it. We have taken what you have given us and used those gifts to hurt others and defy you. We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom. Forgive our inability to recognize you and live out the reality of your gospel. Give us the insight we need to understand your place in our lives so that our words and actions reflect your glory. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silence

Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*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.

(The children may come forward during the greeting.)

**Time with the Children

First Reading

James 3:1-12

Anthem

Cry Out and Shout

Knut Nystedt

Cry out and shout, ye people of God!

The Lord is strength and song!

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water from the wells of salvation.

Cry out and shout, ye people of God!

Second Reading

Mark 8:27-38

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Peter’s Confession and Rebuke”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

His Eye is On the Sparrow

Martin/Gabriel

Marilyn Heffner, Alto

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,

Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home

When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;

Chorus: I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free,

For His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,

And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;

Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see; Chorus.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,

When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,

I draw closer to Him from care He sets me free; Chorus.

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

No. 426

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Choral Response

**Recessional

*Postlude

Fantasia

John Lee

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**signifies 10:45 Service Only

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor
Parish Associate
Director of Music
Organist

Brent O. Johnston
Judy Conners
Steve Bixler
Mark Sweeney