

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas

September 23, 2018

18th Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Adagio

Roger Nyquist

Processional

Brandon Bowles & Keaton Pedrino

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are the people

People: who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow, or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.

Leader: Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's law, day and night.

People: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

*Prayer of the Day

*Hymn

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

No. 172

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom, forgive our foolishness. We desire what we do not need and corrupt our relationships with envy. You urge us to gentleness, but we stir up conflict. Give us your grace, that we may harvest righteousness and peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Teacher, 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

Psalm 1

Anthem

O Be Joyful

Healey Willan

Psalm 100 text can be found in your pew Bibles.

Second Reading

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Way of Wisdom and The Way of Folly ”

The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

**Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

No. 339

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

World Without End (from *Mass*)

Leonard Berstein

Terry McManis, baritone

Whispers of living, echoes of warning,

Phantoms of laughter on the edges of morning.

World without end, spins endlessly on, only the men who lived here are gone,

Gone on a permanent vacation, gone to await the next creation.

World without end at the end of the world.

Lord don't you know it's the end of the world?

Lord, don't you care if it all ends today?

Sometimes I'd swear that you planned it this way....

Dark are the cities, dead is the ocean,

Silent and sickly are the remnants of motion.

World without end spins mindlessly round, never a sentry, never a sound.

No one to prophesy disaster. No one to help it happen faster.

No one to expedite the fall. No one to soil the breeze,

No one to oil the seas, no one to do anything at all.

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

No. 341

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Recessional

*Postlude

Trompette Jubilante

Craig Penfield

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)

**signifies 10:45 Service Only

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor

Brent O. Johnston

Parish Associate

Judy Conners

Director of Music

Steve Bixler

Organist

Mark Sweeney