

First Presbyterian Church Wichita, Kansas

September 9, 2018

16th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude

Cantilena

Eugene Butler

**Processional

Zach Blessant & Iain Cline

Greetings

*Call to Worship

Leader: Who may abide in the presence of God? Who may live on God's holy mountain?

People: All those who walk blamelessly and do what is right. All those who speak truth from their heart.

Leader: Let us worship God

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have shown us the truth of your commandments.

Give us sincere hearts that we may serve you with joy, obey you with love, and manifest your wisdom to the world; through Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*Hymn

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 466

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of light, we confess that we live in the shadows of hypocrisy and self-righteousness. We honor you with our lips, but we have not served you in our hearts. We are satisfied with human traditions and norms and avoid your liberating truth.

We have confused meekness with weakness, holiness with social conformity, and anger with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray. By the power of your word save us from the prison of our conceit so that we may serve you with sincere hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 1:17-27

Anthem

O Praise Ye the Lord

Dale Wood

*O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him in the height; rejoice in His word, Praise Him in His might!
Ye heavens adore Him, by whom ye were made, and worship before Him in brightness arrayed.
O praise ye the Lord! Praise Him all the earth, in joyful accord, all men of new birth;
Praise Him who has taught you His grace from above, and praise Him who taught you to sing of His love.
O praise ye the Lord! Let your thanks abound, with jubilant chord, let the organ sound!
Let all tell the story, each heart music bring, each voice sing the glory and praise of our King.
O praise ye the Lord! Your voice in concert ring! All men in accord, hymn and chant now sing;
For love in creation, for fallen man restored, for grace of salvation, O Praise the Lord!*

Second Reading

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Pure, Undefined Religion”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

**Hymn of Response *IF We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers*

Insert

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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Call to Stewardship

Offertory

Draw Near, All Ye People (from Elijah)
Steve Bixler, Bass

Felix Mendelssohn

*Draw near, all ye people, come to me!
Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel; this day let it be known
that Thou art God, and I am thy servant!
O show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word!
O hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel;
And show this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned.*

*Doxology

No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

No. 367

*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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David Johnson

*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