First Presbyterian Church
Wichita, Kansas

October 21, 2018
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Prelude | Prelude and Fugue in e minor | J. S. Bach
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**Processional** | Bronwen Burch and Iain Cline
** Bell Introit** | Shall We Gather at the River | arr. Dale Wood
James Ringers
Greetings
Minute to Missions | Whispering Winds Camp | Doug Aldridge
*Call to Worship*
Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,
**People:** a home of peace and plenty.
Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,
**People:** a refuge when trouble is near.
Leader: The Lord is our dwelling place,
**People:** a temple that will stand forever.
Leader: Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day*
We give you thanks and praise, O God, that you have called us to this place to hear the promise of your holy word, to be immersed in the font of your grace, and to drink the cup of your blessing. Draw us deeper into your presence and send us out to love and serve; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Hymn | I Sing the Mighty Power of God | No. 288
Prayer of Confession
**Lord Jesus Christ, you know our sin. We want you to do whatever we ask of you, but we are unwilling to do what you ask of us. We want to sit beside you in your glory, but we fail to stand beside you in your suffering. We want to be first in your great kingdom, but we are among the last to serve the least. Forgive us. Pour out your mercy upon us and wash us clean in your saving grace. All this we ask in your holy name. 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.

**Time with the Children**
First Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Anthem

Worship the Lord

Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.
Worship the Lord in the quiet of this place.
Chorus:
Come and adore him, hearts still before him.
Love and adore him. Worship the Lord.

Worship the Lord in the glory of his radiance.
Worship the Lord in the warmth of his embrace. (Chorus)

Worship the Lord in the splendor of His majesty.
Worship the Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. (Chorus)

Second Reading

Mark 10:35-45

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Greatness Has a Price”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpt from Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal . . . .

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

Mary Jo McCormick 8:30 & Tom Warner 10:45

Call to Stewardship

Alice Price
Offertory

Indescribable
Asael Gonzalez, tenor

From the highest of heights
To the depths of the seas creation’s revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming:
Chorus:

Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name; You are amazing, God! All powerful! Untamable! Awestruck,
We fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim: You are amazing, God!
Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom: (Chorus)

*Doxology No. 592
*Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn Called as Partners in Christ’s Service No. 343
*Charge and Benediction

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

*Choral Response
**Recessional
*Postlude Postlude Norberto Guinaldo

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)
**signifies 10:45 service only
**Activities & Announcements**

**FALL FESTIVAL AT WHISPERING WINDS CAMP**

**TODAY at 3 p.m.**

**Things to do at Fall Festival:**
Costume Contest for all ages (prize awarded for best costume)
Bounce House
Photo Booth
Hayrack Ride
Haunted Walk
Pumpkin Painting
Bean Bag toss
Cake Walk
Egg Toss

There will be a craft table set up on the South screened-in porch. Vesper service (Bring your lawn chairs), chili contest/dinner. Please bring a side or dessert to share with everyone.

**Stewardship Announcement**

**Stewardship Theme For this Year: Partnering with God Through Stewardship:**

This year’s theme is based upon the parable of the Talents, particularly the two servants who partnered with their Master in investing in their talents so that when he returned to settle accounts, they had doubled his money. Not surprising they heard this from their Master: “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your Master” (Matthew 25:21,23).

The Stewardship letter along with the pledge card has been mailed. From October 21 to November 18, for 5 Sundays, we will have the Joyous Chest out to drop in your pledge or simply mail it with the return envelope and stamp provided. Truly, let us partner with God this Stewardship Season that we might hear the Master’s praise and know the joy of using our talents wisely.

**Next Week Is Yellow Bag Sunday!**

Imagine a hot day and no bar soap to bathe with and no clean clothes to put on because your family did not have money to purchase laundry detergent. That’s what is facing many of our refugee families. It’s hard to purchase all the household and hygiene items one needs when the bread-winner of the family makes only $9.75/hour. This is when our yellow bags become blessing bags when we bring laundry detergent, soap, tooth paste, bathroom and facial tissue (and other hygiene items) to give to our new neighbors. Although the yellow bags will be collected this Sunday, you can bring items any time during the week and place them in the blue basket outside the church office.