First Presbyterian Church
Wichita, Kansas

September 9, 2018  16th Sunday after Pentecost  8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude
**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, Undefiled Religion"  
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

**Call to Stewardship**

Offertory  
**Draw Near, All Ye People** (from Elijah)  
Felix Mendelssohn
   Steve Bixler, Bass

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