

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 28, 2013

5th Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Plein Jeu ~ L. Marchand

Luis González

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh, the Glory of Your Presence

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Job 36: 3b-4a, 5, 7, 22, 24

L: I will ascribe righteousness to my Maker; for truly my words are not false.

P: Behold, God is mighty, and does not despise any; he is mighty in strength of understanding.

L: God does not withdraw his eyes from the righteous, but with kings upon the throne he sets them for ever, and they are exalted.

P: Behold, God is exalted in his power; who is a teacher like him? Remember to extol his work, of which people have sung.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ From the *Book of Common Worship* of the PCUSA

Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we behold your glory in the love shown by Jesus, lifted up on the cross, and exalted on high. Be glorified anew in the love we have for one another as disciples of the risen Lord Jesus, and draw us ever closer to you, and to one another, in his name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

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CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, forgive our doubts and lack of confidence. We proclaim the Resurrection as Christ's victory over sin and death, but we still give in too easily to temptation, and we are discouraged by sin's reign in the world. We see the victories of corruption and greed in our government and nation, we just give up, overwhelmed. We see senseless death brought about by the violence of individuals, and of nations, and we become numb to it, as if it were to be expected. Forgive us when we "just go along," instead of living as confident disciples of the Risen Lord of Life.

(Silent prayer and private confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

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ANTHEM

Help Us Accept Each Other

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON (*Preschool through 2nd grade children may be led to Junior Church following the children's message. Older children's bulletins are in the vestibule.*)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 14: 1-3, 16-21 ~ Page 938 and 939 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said] "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

"And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, that is who loves me; and whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and manifest myself to them."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Revelation 7: 9-17 ~ Pages 1076 in the pew Bible

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are those who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Where Do We Go from Here?"

Rev. Frank Wyche

