

## HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 14, 2013

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

*Voluntary* ~ James Nares

Luis González

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Into My Heart*

Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 76: 1-2, 4, 8-9, 11

L: In Judah God is known, his name is great in Israel. His abode has been established in Salem, his dwelling place in Zion.

**P: You are glorious, more majestic than the everlasting mountains.**

L: From the heavens you uttered judgment; the earth feared and was still, when God arose to establish judgment to save all the oppressed of the earth.

**P: Make your vows to the LORD your God, and perform them; let all around him bring gifts to him who is to be held in proper awe and respect.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ From *When We Gather* by Rev. James G. Kirk

**Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – you are the giver of hope and gladness, who can turn our sorrow into exaltation. We praise you for the gift of Jesus, through whom we live anew. Christ quenches our thirst with living; when we hunger for righteousness, our lives are filled with good things. We abide in the shelter of your love, O God, and raise our voices to worship and adore you. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** ~ From *When We Gather* by Rev. James G. Kirk

**God of creation, who makes all things new, look with mercy upon us as we confess our sins. The seeds of our destruction find fertile soil within us, and we nurture them to fruition. We pluck the yield and find it delightful; we rejoice in the evil harvest we have sown. O God, save us from our love of sinning. Lead us to seek your forgiveness, and teach us to grow in Jesus, that we may reap eternal life.**

*(Silent prayer and personal 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

*Lead Me, Guide Me*

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Amos 7: 7-17 ~ Page 795 in the pew Bible

The LORD showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.' Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Your wife shall be a harlot in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Colossians 1: 3-6, 9-14 ~ Page 1026 in the pew Bible

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing – so among yourselves, from the day you heard and understood the grace of God in truth. And so, from the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

**P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Where Do We Find God?"

Rev. Frank Wyche

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**     *The Apostles' Creed*     Inside front cover of Hymnal

\***HYMN**     *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*     #624

OFFERING

OFFERTORY     *Intermezzo Sinfonico ~ Mascagni*

\***DOXOLOGY**     #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*...debts/debtors...*)

\***HYMN**     *God Will Take Care of You*     #692

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE     *Walk with Me*     Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE     *March in G Major ~ Anonymous*     Luis González

\*Those who are able may stand.

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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“I AM SETTING A  
**PLUMB LINE**  
*in the midst of my people Israel.*”

AMOS 7:8, NRSV



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