

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 22, 2013

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Luis González

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 19: 7-13a, 14

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

P: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

L: Righteous awe of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than Honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them are we warned; in keeping them, there is great reward.

L: But who can discern his errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Also keep me back from presumptuous sins; do not let them have dominion over me!

P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we thank you for this day, and for the freedom, the opportunity, and the privilege to gather in your house to worship and praise you. Bless our time together and draw us closer to you, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* #403

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the Church of Scotland

Merciful God, deliver us from the cowardice that dares not face new truth, the laziness that is content with half truth, and the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth. May we not blame extenuating circumstances, frailty of nature, force of temptations, or persuasions of those who lead us astray. Fill us with zeal and fiery commitment to the purposes of grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Pry us away from the host of distractions to which we give ourselves so freely. Strengthen our resolve to commit ourselves to the Gospel. Counter our desire for wealth and reputation, and give us an urge to serve in the way of our Savior Jesus Christ.

(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 *God Hears Me When I Pray* 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 ~ Luke 16: 1-15 ~ Pages 909-910 in the pew Bible

He [Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’ And the steward said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the children of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they scoffed at him. But he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts; for what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 Corinthians 1: 24b-30 ~ Page 991-992 in the pew Bible

Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your call, brothers and sisters; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the

wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "A Different Kind of Wisdom" Rev. Frank Wyche
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of Hymnal
*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* #562
OFFERING
OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY #815
PRAYER OF DEDICATION
JOYS AND CONCERNS
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debtors/debtors...)
*CLOSING HYMN *Lord, Speak to Me* #667
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL CLOSE *Help Me To Watch and Pray* Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE Luis González

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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Christ

the POWER of
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1 Corinthians 1:24

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