

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

October 9, 2011 Homecoming ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ~ Michael Burkhardt Ben Heizer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Larry Mayer

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 111: 1, 3b-4, 6, 9a

L: Praise the LORD. I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P: His righteousness endures for ever. He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered. The LORD is gracious and merciful.

L: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

P: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we thank you for the gifts of yourself, of this church, and of one another. Draw near to us, as we praise and glorify you, for all the blessings and goodness you have poured out upon us; in Christ’s name, Amen.

***HYMN** *How Great Thou Art* #147

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive our lack of commitment. You have showered us with so many good gifts, but we passively bask in your benefits and blessings, instead of being moved to change our lives, in response to our salvation. We are thankful for what you have done for us, but we too often see your grace as what has happened to us in the past, instead of appreciating your constant presence. Help us to actively show and share your love with a needling world. Re-direct our paths as your people, so that we not only receive your gifts, but go out into the world as your ambassadors.

(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** #813

ANTHEM *O For a Thousand Tongues To Sing* ~ Arr. Mark Patterson 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.)*

2 Timothy 3: 14-16 ~ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Genesis 50: 24-26 ~ Page 45 in the pew Bible

And Joseph said to his brothers, “I am about to die; but God will visit you, and bring you up out of this land to the land which he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.” Then Joseph took an oath of the sons of Israel, saying, “God will visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here.” So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old; and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

2nd OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Exodus 13:19 ~ Page 57 in the pew Bible

And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him; for Joseph had solemnly sworn the people of Israel, saying, “God will visit you; then you must carry my bones with you from here.”

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 15: 1-10, 12 ~ Page 939 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already made clean by the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whomever abides in me, and I in them, those are the ones who bear much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a person does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”

1st NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 2 Timothy 1: 1-5 ~ Page 1038 in the pew Bible

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God whom I serve with a clear conscience, as did my ancestors, when I remember you constantly in my prayers. As I remember your tears,

I long night and day to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you.

2nd NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Philippians 3: 13b-16 ~ Page 1024 in the pew Bible

[O]ne thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature be thus minded; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

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

SERMON "Where Is Home?" Rev. Frank Wyche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed* Inside front cover of hymnal

*HYMN *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* #426

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Variation on *How Firm a Foundation (V. Meditation)* ~ John Eggert

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* #788

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Variation on *How Firm a Foundation (VII. Finale)* ~ John Eggert

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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