

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

October 26, 2008 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Reformation Sunday 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Carolyn Wallace, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Michael Ruleman

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *I Will Come and Bow Down* Chancel Choir

***Responsive Call to Worship** ~ Psalm 117: 12, 16, 105; 2 Timothy 3: 16-17 Brock Moore

L: Blessed are you, O LORD; teach me your statutes. I will delight in your statutes,
I will not forget your way.

P: Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and light to my path.

L: All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
and for training in righteousness,

P: That the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

*UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, we gather to worship you – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Lead us to worship in spirit and in truth, and not from habit or repetition. Lead us to worship you in joy and gratitude, recognizing what you, and our forebears, have sacrificed for, provided, and passed down to us; we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

***HYMN** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* ~ John Calvin Bulletin Insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, forgive our lack of appreciation of your many gifts to us, as well as the gifts of others. Forgive our failure to study the Bible, when so many have never heard your wonderful word to humanity, and when so many died to secure this privilege for us. Forgive our failure to pray, when you are always ready to listen; and you are more willing to forgive, than we are to confess. Forgive us for trusting in ourselves and our accomplishments, instead of living as people saved by grace alone.

(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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* 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 ~ Genesis 15: 1-6 ~ Page 11 in pew Bible

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring; and a slave born in my house will be my heir." And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; your own son shall be your heir." And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And Abram believed the LORD; and God reckoned it to him as righteousness.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 6: 30-40 ~ Page 928 in pew Bible

So they [the crowds] said to him [Jesus], "Then what sign do you do, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you perform? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Lord, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me; and whoever comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise them up at the last day."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Romans 10: 5-13 ~ Page 985 in pew Bible

Moses writes that the person who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For a person believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, "every one who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

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

SERMON "Reformation Sunday" Rev. Frank Wyche

*Affirmation of Faith *We Are Justified by Faith Alone* Second Helvetic Confession

But because we receive this justification, not through any works, but through faith in the mercy of God, and in Christ, we therefore teach and believe, with the apostle, that sinful man is justified by faith alone in Christ, not by the law or any works. For the apostle says: "We hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law." Also: "If Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness... And to one who does not work but believes in him who justified the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness." And again: "By grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest any man should boast." Therefore, because faith receives Christ our righteousness, and attributes everything to the grace of God in Christ, on that account justification is attributed to faith, chiefly because of Christ, and not therefore because it is our work. For it is the gift of God.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Faith of Our Fathers* #404

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ~ Martin Luther #151

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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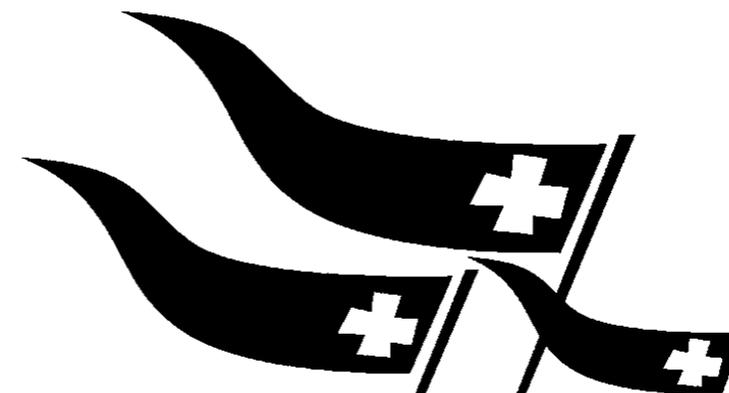
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*Salvation is by: Grace alone,
Faith alone, Scripture alone*



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