

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

October 30, 2011

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G major ~ J.S. Bach

Bob Moody

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 119: 12, 16, 93, 104-105

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

P: I will never forget your words, for by them you have given me life.

L: Through your precepts I gain understanding; therefore, I hate every false way.

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

***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* ~ By John Calvin **Bulletin Insert**

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 ~ Romans 5: 6, 8, 1-2

L: Hear the good news: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

P: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

L: Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

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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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.)*

1st NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ephesians 2: 4-10 ~ Pages 1017-1018 in the pew Bible

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For 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 person should boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

***HYMN**

Amazing Grace

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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 3:16 ~ Page 924 in the pew Bible

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

2nd NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Romans 1: 16-17 ~ Page 977 in the pew Bible

For I am not ashamed of the gospel: it is the power of God for salvation to every one who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who through faith is righteous shall live."*

* [or, *The righteous shall live by faith*].

3rd NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 2 Timothy 3: 14-17 ~ Page 1039 in the pew Bible

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.

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 *Faith of Our Fathers* #404

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *The Penitent’s Prayer* ~ Leslie F. Watson

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

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

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *He Leadeth Me* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Fugue on ‘A Mighty Fortress’* ~ Johann Pachelbel Bob Moody

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

Reformation Sunday

Sola Gratia

Grace Alone

Sola Fide

Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura

Scripture Alone

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