

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 8, 2016 7th Sunday of Easter ~ ~ Ascension Sunday ~ Mother's Day 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Alessio Giacobone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Open Our Eyes, Lord* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ From Psalm 47**

L: Clap your hands, you people; shout to God with songs of joy.

P: For the LORD Most High is over all the earth..

L: Sing praises to God, sing praises.

P: Rejoice the LORD is king.

L: Praise and honor and glory and blessing.

P: Amen.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Good and gracious God, enter our hearts this day. Teach us to love wisely and well, as you have loved us, as you love us in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #45**

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, good God, for all the ill that we have done, and all the good that we have left undone. Forgive us for failing others and for hurting others. Teach us how to love you and to love one another, that all we do may bring glory to Jesus Christ our Lord. In his name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI #813**

ANTHEM *Blessed Is He* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 24: 44-53 ~ Pages 920-921 in the pew Bible

Then he [Jesus] said to them [the disciples], "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and

the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

1st NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Acts 1: 1-11 ~ Page 947 in the pew Bible

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

2nd NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ephesians 1: 15-23 ~ Page 1017 in the pew Bible

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has