

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

May 28, 2017

7th Sunday of Easter ~ Ascension Sunday

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Carolyn Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Is In His Holy Temple

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 93: 1-2; 47: 1-2, 5-8

L: The LORD reigns! The LORD is robed in majesty; he is clothed with power.

P: Truly the world is established, and shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

L: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, inspires awe and reverence; he is a great king over all the earth.

P: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

L: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

P: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

Eternal Father, by raising Jesus from the dead, you proclaimed his victory; and by his ascension, you declared him Lord of all. As we gather for worship, lift up our hearts to heaven, where he lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Almighty King

#8

RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ 1 John 2:1-2; Isaiah 55:7

L: My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world!

P: Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory, or to live according to his call on our lives. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world, and is head of the Church, his body of believers throughout the world today.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ From Ephesians 2: 11-16

L: Therefore remember that at one time [we] Gentiles in the flesh were separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope, and being without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus [we] who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ.

P: For he is our peace, who has made us all one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, making peace, and reconciling us all to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end.

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

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Acts 1: 1-11 ~ Page 957 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 in-to heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 19: 28-30 ~ Page 944 in the pew Bible

After this Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said, in order to fulfill scripture, "I thirst." A bowl full of vinegar stood there; so they put a sponge full of the vinegar on hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

2nd NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Revelation 21: 1-7 ~ Page 1085 in the pew Bible

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had

passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with humanity. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the fountain of the water of life without payment. Whoever conquers shall have this heritage; and I will be their God, and they shall be my child."

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

SERMON "Some Important Bible Vocabulary" Rev. Frank Wyche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of hymnal

*HYMN *I Cannot Tell* #354

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS, MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *Eternal Father, Strong To Save* #808

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL CLOSE *God Be With 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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John **19:30**

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