

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 6, 2014

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Luis González

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I Will Come and Bow Down

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 145: 1-4, 8-9, 13, 17-18, 21

L: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day
I will bless you, and I will praise your name for ever and ever.

P: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

L: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.
The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

P: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

L: The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The LORD is near to all
who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

**P: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let everything that lives
bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless us as we draw near to you in
praise and worship and thanksgiving. Open our hearts and minds to your presence,
to your love, and to your will for our lives, we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

Morning Has Broken

Bulletin Insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and righteous God, we confess that we have sinned and fallen short in what we
have thought and said and done, and in what we have failed to think and say and do.
We know that you have revealed in the Bible how you want us to live, but we make our
own choices and decisions, without regard to your commands. When we do read the
Bible, we make excuses and rationalizations, to pretend that we deserve exceptions to
what you have ordained. We think that our ‘extenuating circumstances’ are beyond
your eternal decrees, as we follow our own wills instead of yours. Forgive us and re-
store us, we ask in Jesus’ name. (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

Praise to the Lord

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

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 11: 2-19, 25-30 ~ Pages 844-845 in the pew Bible

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples
and said to him, “Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?” Jesus answered
them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame
walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have
good news preached to them. And blessed are those who take no offense at me.” As they went
away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wil-
derness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man
clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings’ houses. Why then
did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of
whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your
way before you.’ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has risen no one
greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and
men of violence take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John; and if
you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

“But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market places
and calling to their playmates, ‘We piped to you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you
did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;
the Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a glutton and a drunkard, a
friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have
hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to babes; yes, Father,
for such was your gracious will. All things have been delivered to me by my Father; and no
one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and any
one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and
lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is
light.”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Romans 7: 12, 14-25a ~ Page 982 in the pew Bible

The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good. We know that the law is
spiritual; but I am of the flesh, a slave to sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not

that the law is good. So then it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my human condition. I can desire and intend to do what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I desire to do, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not desire and intend, it is no longer I that do it, but sin which dwells within me. So I find it to be the rule that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inmost self, but I see in my human condition another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my human condition. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

SERMON "Rules and Righteousness" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *Near to the Heart of God* #617

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *God of Our Fathers* #809

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Grace Alone* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Luis González

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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*“Come to me,
all who labor and
are heavy laden,
and I will
give you rest.”*

~Matthew 11:28

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