

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 9, 2017

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Carolyn Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I Will Come and Bow Down

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 121: 1-5a, 7-8

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come?

P: My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

L: God will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

P: Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

L: The LORD is your keeper. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

P: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we praise you and thank you for the gift of this day, and this time when we may gather in your house. Be with us now as we worship and praise you together, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ 1 John 1: 8, 10, 9, 7d

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and his word is not in us.

P: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. And the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian)

Compassionate and loving God, by your invitation of grace, we lay before you the burdens we carry, the suffering we endure, the issues with which we wrestle, and the memories of past wrongs, hurts, shame, and failures. O Lord Jesus, may we know your forgiveness, and the healing and restorative touch of your hand, for we confess our wrongs: our craving for earthly things; our insatiable lust for worldly status, power and wealth; our words of malice and meanness; our shallow thoughts; and – above all – our pretense that we are better than we are. Fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we may see our sins clearly, repent of them, and return to you.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 John 2: 1b-2; Ephesians 1: 7-8

L: If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

P: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us.

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

Lamb of God

Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Genesis 22: 1-17a ~ Pages 16-17 in the pew Bible

After these things God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; and he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the ass; I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.” And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together. When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” God said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called the name of that place The LORD will provide; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.” And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore.”

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 3: 13-18a ~ Page 924 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said] “No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man

be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ephesians 1: 3-10 ~ Page 1017 in the pew Bible

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. He destined us in love to be his children through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us. For he has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of his will, according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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

SERMON “Blessings in Christ” Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* #352

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *I Gave My Life for Thee* #675

*BENEDICTION

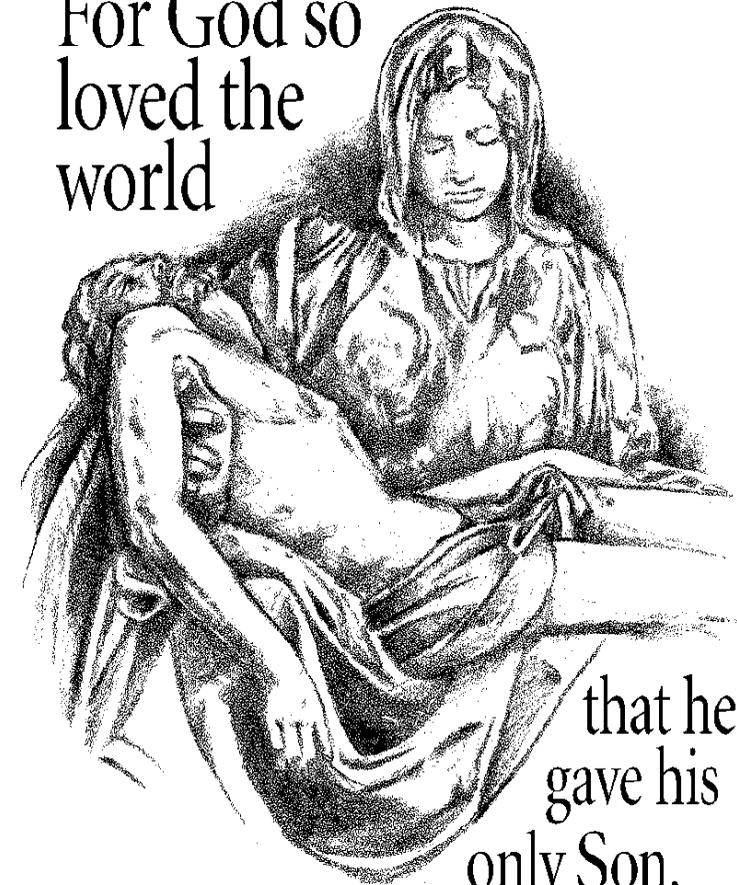
*CHORAL CLOSE *May You Run and Not Be Weary* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

For God so
loved the
world



that he
gave his
only Son.

John 3:16

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