

## HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 15, 2018

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Adam Kelly, Accompanist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Bind Us Together*

Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 36: 5, 7, 9-10

L: O LORD, your steadfast love extends to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

**P: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of humanity take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

L: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**P: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

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

**Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence. By the Holy Spirit, give us pure hearts and faithful commitment, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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**RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION** ~ Psalm 53: 2-3

L: God looks down from heaven upon the children of humanity to see whether there are any who are wise, whether there are any who seek after God.

**P: They have all fallen away; they are all alike depraved. There are none who do good; no, not one.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you. We are saved by grace through faith, and this is your work, for we have received grace through Jesus Christ, and faith through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Yet we still live with fears, worries and anxieties, instead of trusting in your love for us, and your presence with us. Give us confidence and boldness to live as your children, empowered by the Holy Spirit to show and share the love of Jesus with others, and help us to trust you fully instead of depending upon ourselves or human institutions for our safety and security.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

**RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ~ 1 Peter 2: 9-10

L: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**P: Once you were no people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.**

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

*Prayer*

Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Deuteronomy 29:29 ~ Page 179 in the pew Bible

The secret things belong to the LORD our God; but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our descendants forever, that we may observe all the words of this teaching.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 13: 10-17 ~ Page 847 in the pew Bible

Then the disciples came and said to him [Jesus], "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have will more be given, and they will have abundance; but from those who have not, even what they have will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which says: 'You shall indeed hear but never understand, and you shall indeed see but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are heavy of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should perceive with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn for me to heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous ones longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ephesians 1: 1-14 ~ Page 1017 in the pew Bible

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are also faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 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. God 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 Jesus Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us. For God 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. In him, ac-

