

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 22, 2018

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Adam Kelly, Accompanist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 95: 1-3, 6-7

L: O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

P: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

L: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P: For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand. O that today you would hearken to God's voice!

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – in Jesus Christ you have made us your children, and your people. Draw us closer to you, and to one another, that we may worship you in spirit and in truth, and that we may serve you together, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Morning Has Broken

Bulletin Insert

RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Romans 3: 10-12

L: As it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God.

P: "All have turned aside, together they have gone wrong; no one does good, not even one."

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, forgive our failure to love. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled us to yourself, and also to each other, but we still divide ourselves. We judge those who are different in gender, race and nationality, and we condemn those whose religion or politics are different from our own. Instead of being united in Christ, we are separated by human will, and by secular concerns. Forgive us for failing to love others as you have loved us, and forgive us for dividing the body of Christ because of our own opinions.

(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!

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ANTHEM

Make Us One

Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ephesians 2: 1-11a, 12b-22 ~ pp. 1017-1018 in pew Bible

And you [Gentile Christians] God made alive, when you were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the children of disobedience. Among these we all [Jews and Gentiles alike] once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath [incurring and deserving judgment], like the rest of humankind. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages God might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Therefore remember that at one time you [Gentiles] were separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the barrier of the dividing wall between us, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new people in place of the two, so making peace, and that he might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing our antagonism to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off, and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

