

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

July 29, 2018

17th 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 145: 1, 3, 8-9, 18, 21

L: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

P: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. God's greatness is unsearchable.

L: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

P: The LORD is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that he has made.

L: The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon God in truth.

P: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – draw near to us as we approach you in worship and praise, giving thanks for all your goodness, and all the blessings you have poured out upon us. Lead us in the way of Jesus to follow your will, we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN** *We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator* #68

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From *When We Gather*, Rev. James G. Kirk

Gracious God, we enter the temple of your grace and mercy, to confess our sins. We enter your sanctuary, but we still bring our own business and priorities with us. As we gather, our motives are not just to worship and praise you. We want our own needs met, more than we want your will to be done. We seek our own satisfaction, instead of turning to your ways. Forgive our sins, and re-direct our paths, we pray in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Ephesians 1: 5-8

L: God the Father 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.

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

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

Spirit of the Living God

Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 2 Samuel 11: 1-20b, 21c-27 ~ pp. 272-273 in pew Bible

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go forth to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah; but David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking upon the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman taking her monthly bath for ritual purification; and the woman was very beautiful. And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "This is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her; then she returned to her house. And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am with child." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people fared, and how the war prospered. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David recalled Uriah and said to him, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in tents; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day, and the next. And David invited him, and Uriah ate in David's presence and drank, so that he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die." So as Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were brave and skilled warriors. And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab; and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite was slain also. Then Joab sent and told David all the news about the fighting; and he instructed the messenger, "When you have finished telling all the news about the fighting to the king, then, if the king's anger rises, and if he says to you, 'Why did you go so near the city to fight?' then you shall say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.'" So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent him to tell. The messenger said to David, "The men gained an advantage over us, and came out against us in the field; but we drove them back to the en-

trance of the gate. Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall; some of the king's servants are dead; and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also." David said to the messenger, "Thus shall you say to Joab, 'Do not let this matter trouble you, for the sword devours now one, and now another; strengthen your attack upon the city, and overthrow it.' And encourage him." When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she made lamentation for her husband. And when the time of mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON	"David and Bathsheba"	Rev. Frank Wyche
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	Inside front cover of Hymnal
*HYMN	<i>Rock of Ages</i>	#342
OFFERING AND OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#815
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	<i>(...debts/debtors...)</i>	
*HYMN	<i>O for a Heart to Praise My God</i>	#650
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Make Us One</i>	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE		Adam Kelly, Accompanist

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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