

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

August 20, 2017

20h Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Carolyn Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 118: 1, 4, 6, 14, 18, 21, 28-29

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

P: Let those who love and honor the LORD say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.'

L: With the LORD on my side I do not fear. What can man do to me?

P: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

L: The LORD has chastened me sorely, but he has not given me over to death.

P: I thank you that you have answered me, and you have become my salvation.

L: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

P: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we thank you for your love, poured out for us in Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and for your abiding presence with us in the Holy Spirit. Bless us now as we gather to worship and praise you, 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 PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned – in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. *(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Romans 8:34 (paraphrased),
1 Timothy 1:15, Ephesians 1:7

L: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, the judge of the living and the dead.

P: But Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power over us; Christ intercedes with the Father for us.

L: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

P: In Jesus 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

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Romans 8: 28-39 ~ Pages 983-984 in the pew Bible

We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that Jesus might be the first-born among many brothers and sisters. And those whom God predestined he also called; and those whom God called he also justified; and those whom God justified he also glorified. What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect *[those whom God has chosen]*? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us? Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2nd OLD 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 God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before God. 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 Jesus 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.

3rd OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 2 Thessalonians 2: 13-17 ~ pp. 1032-1033 in pew Bible

But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brothers and sisters who are beloved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctifi-

cation by the Spirit and belief in the truth. To this he called you through the gospel we proclaimed, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and joyful confidence through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Nothing Can Separate Us from God’s Love” Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *Our Great Savior* #17

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *God Will Take Care of You* #692

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL CLOSE *Go Now in Peace* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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~ Romans 8:39

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