

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2, 2018

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Adam Kelly, Accompanist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 34: 1-4, 15, 18-19, 22

L: I will bless the LORD at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

L: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt God's name together!

P: I sought the LORD, and God answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

L: The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, and God's ears toward their cry.

P: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

L: Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the LORD delivers them out of them all.

P: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ From the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – you are a redeeming God. It is not your desire that any of your children should suffer. You hear their cries and you come from heaven to save. As we gather to remember your saving purposes for all who are oppressed, give us minds, hearts and wills to hear your word to us, and then to live it. We pray this in the name of Christ the Savior; Amen.

***HYMN**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ 1 John 1: 8, 10

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

P: If we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and God's word is not in us.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Holy and loving God, our fears and prejudices run deep. Sometimes we can only see our own point of view. We stick with those who are like us, rarely venturing outside our comfort zones. We do not hear those crying for justice and true peace. We blame those who are suffering and in need, instead of standing by them. We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those who are different from us. Lord, give us eyes to see, and ears to hear. Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people, and use us to enact the new life given in Christ.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 John 1: 7, 9

L: If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

God Hears Me When I Pray

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 17: 7-11, 15-22, 24-26 ~ Pages 941-942 in the pew Bible

[After the Last Supper, Jesus prayed for his disciples,] "they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave to me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world, but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours; all of mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

"I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth. I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory which you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one.

"Father, I desire also that they, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which you gave me in your love for me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world has not known you, but I have known you; and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

2nd GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 22: 31-34, 60b-62 ~ Page 917 in the pew Bible

[After the Last Supper, Jesus said to Peter,] "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail; and when you have turned again, strengthen your brethren." And Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

[After Peter denied Jesus in the courtyard of the high priest's house,] And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Romans 8: 26-30 ~ Page 983 in the pew Bible

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And the One who searches the hearts of humanity knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. 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 God also predestined to be conformed to the image of God's Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brothers and sisters. And those whom God predestined God also called; and those whom God called God also justified; and those whom God justified God also glorified.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "God Is Interceding for Us" Rev. Frank Wyche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of Hymnal

*HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #630

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debtors/debtors...)

*HYMN *His Eye Is on the Sparrow* #624

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *I Sing Because I'm Happy* 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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