

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 9, 2018

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Adam Kelly, Accompanist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Create in Me a Pure Heart

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 15, A Psalm of David

L: O LORD, who shall abide in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

P: Whoever walks blamelessly, and does what is right, and speaks truth from their heart;

L: Whoever does not slander with their tongue, and does no evil to their friends, nor takes up a reproach against their neighbor;

P: Whoever scorns those who are vile, but who honors those who hold the LORD in proper awe and reverence.

L: Whoever keeps promises even to their own hurt and does not try to change them; whoever does not loan money at interest, nor take a bribe against the innocent.

P: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

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

Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – you sent your son Jesus to be our Lord and Savior, and you sent the Holy Spirit to be the life and light of his Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, so that we may be obedient to Christ, and so that we may bring forth the fruits of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***HYMN**

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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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 *When We Gather*, Rev. James G. Kirk

Holy and merciful God, hear us as we confess our sins. We speak our own minds, when we should be listening to you; but when you call us to speak on your behalf, boldly proclaiming the kingdom of Christ, our words are mere whispers, or less. We are called to act on your behalf, but we hesitate. Anger and grudges prevent us from working your righteousness. Selfishness and willfulness prevent us from responding in faith. Redeem us in Jesus’ name, and open our ears and our mouths, so that we may hear and speak your word to a needing world. *(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

Sanctuary

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Mark 7: 1-8, 14-23 ~ Page 874 in the pew Bible

Now when the Pharisees gathered together to him [Jesus], with some of the scribes, who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands defiled [making them ritually unclean, or impure], that is, unwashed. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they wash their hands, observing the tradition of the elders; and when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they purify themselves; and there are many other traditions which they observe, the washing of cups and pots and vessels of bronze. And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with hands defiled?” And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You disregard the commandment of God, and hold fast to human tradition.”

And he called the people to him again, and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person which by going into them can make them unclean; but the things which come out of a person are what defile them. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.” And when he had entered the house, and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot make them unclean, since it does not enter their heart, but goes into their stomach, and then passes on?” Thus he declared all foods clean. And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles anyone. For from within, out of the person’s heart, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they make a person unclean.”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Hebrews 10: 10, 14-16, 19-23 ~ pp. 1049-1050 pew Bible

By that [God’s] will, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all.

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us, saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds.”

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which he opened for us through the curtain, that

is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for the One who promised is faithful.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON	“Cleansed by Christ”	Rev. Frank Wyche
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles’ Creed</i>	Inside front cover of Hymnal
*HYMN	<i>Cleanse Me</i>	#657
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#815
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (...debtors/debtors...)		
*HYMN	<i>Whiter Than Snow</i>	#653
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>O for a Heart to Praise My God</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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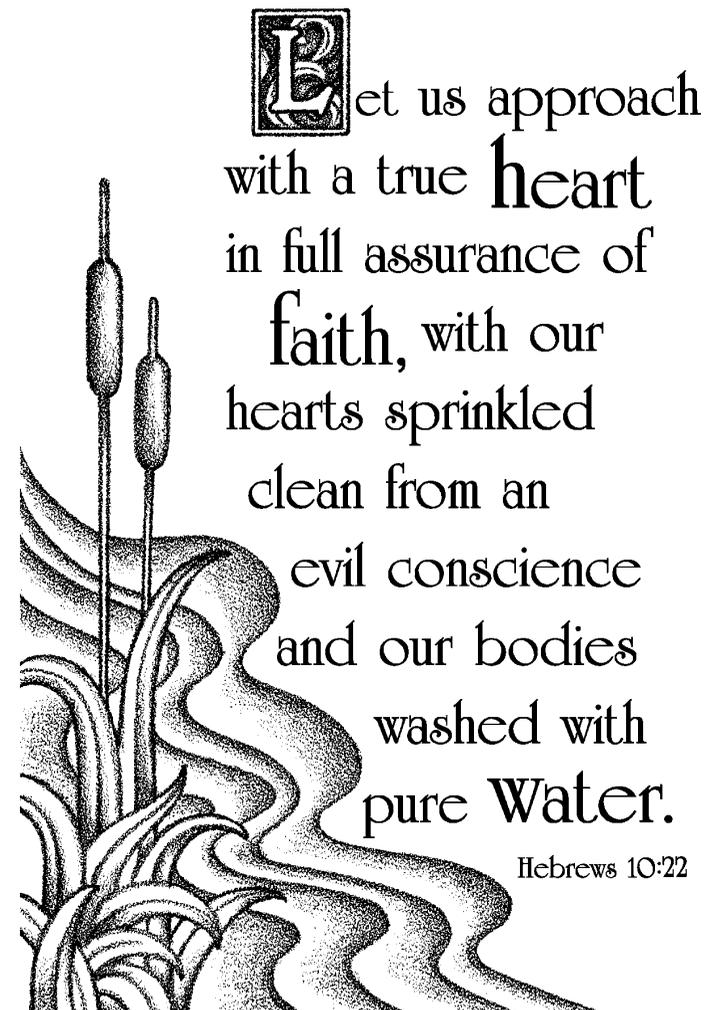
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