

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 16, 2018

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Adam Kelly, Accompanist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 116: 1-2, 5, 10, 12-13, 17-18, 19b

L: I love the LORD, because God has heard my voice and my supplications.

P: Because God inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on the LORD as long as I live.

L: Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

P: I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

L: What shall I render to the LORD for all of God's bounty to me?

P: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

L: I will offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

P: I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all of God's people. Praise the LORD!

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

Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – you call your Church to witness that in Jesus, we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be led by the Holy Spirit to turn to you, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Psalm 25: 6, 11, 17-18

L: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

L: Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distresses.

P: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ *When We Gather* by 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)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Colossians 1: 12-14, 20-22

L: [Give] thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

P: God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

L: Through Jesus, God reconciled all things to himself, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

P: And [we], who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, God has now reconciled in Christ's body of flesh by his death, in order to present [us] holy, blameless, and without fault before him.

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

Day by Day

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 50: 4-9a ~ Page 631 in the pew Bible

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word those who are weary. Morning by morning God wakens, the Lord GOD wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; the One who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let them come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Mark 8: 27-38 ~ Pages 875-876 in the pew Bible

And Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do all of you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men." And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever would save their life will lose it; and whoever loses their life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a person, to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? For what can a person give in return for their life? For

whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON “Who Is ‘the Christ?’” Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This* #314

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *’Til the Storm Passes By* #543

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Adam Kelly, Accompanist

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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“For whoever
wants to save
his life will lose it,
but whoever
loses his life
for me and for
the gospel
will save it.”

Mark 8:35



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