

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 23, 2018

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Adam Kelly, Accompanist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 100

L: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the lands! Serve the LORD with gladness!

P: Come into God's presence with singing! Know that the LORD is God!

L: It is the LORD who made us, and we belong to God; we are the LORD's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

P: Enter the LORD's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

L: Give thanks to the LORD, and bless God's name!

P: For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness endures to all generations!

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

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – you have taught that the last shall be first, and how we treat a little child will be the measure of your kingdom. By the Holy Spirit, instill your wisdom within us, so we may understand that, in your sight, the one who serves is the greatest of all, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Ye Servants of God

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Psalm 65: 2-3; 25: 11, 17-18

L: O God, who hears prayer! To you shall all people come on account of sins. When our transgressions prevail over us, you forgive them.

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

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of commitment to you. You call us to love others as we love ourselves, and to love others as you have loved us, but we, who are so rich in blessings, do not share what we have with others in great need. We respond to monumental tragedies such as floods, fires, earthquakes and disease, and we respond in the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, but we so often ignore people who are in need throughout the year, and whose circumstances are oppressive and overwhelming in the best of times. Forgive our selfishness, and our coldness of heart, and lead us to understand that loving and serving others is how Christ calls us to live.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Colossians 1: 10, 12; 2: 13

L: Lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to God, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of Jesus, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

P: [We], who were dead in trespasses and lawlessness, God made alive together with Jesus, having forgiven us all our trespasses.

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Mark 8: 27-37; 9: 30-37 ~ Pages 875-876; 877 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?"

As they went on their way they passed through Galilee, and he [Jesus] would not have anyone know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to ask him. And they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" But they were silent; for on the way they had discussed with one another who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve; and he said to them, "If anyone would be first, they must be last of all, and servant of all." Then taking and putting a child in the midst of them, and taking the child in his arms, Jesus said to them, "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

1st NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Romans 12: 1-8 ~ Pages 986-987 in the pew Bible

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bod-

ies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I bid every one among you not to think of themselves more highly than they ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith which God has assigned them. For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; those who teach, in their teaching; those who exhort, in their exhortation; those who contribute, in liberality; those who give aid, with zeal; those who do acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

2nd NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ephesians 5:1-2 ~ Page 1019 in the pew Bible

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "Living Sacrifices Who Serve" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #676

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *I Then Shall Live* #604

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Jesus Loves Me* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Adam Kelly, Accompanist

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

Serve the
LORD



PSALM 100:2, ESV

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