

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 30, 2018

26th 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** ~ Proverbs 2: 6-7; Psalm 25: 4-5

L: The LORD gives wisdom; from God's mouth come knowledge and understanding;
God stores up sound wisdom for the upright.

**P: The LORD is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice,
and preserving the way of God's saints.**

L: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

**P: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.**

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

**Glorious God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – in order that the children of earth
might discern good from evil, you sent your Son to be the light of the world. As Christ
shines upon us, may the Holy Spirit teach us what pleases you, that we may live in all
truth and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.**

***HYMN** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* #97

RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Romans 3: 9d-12

L: All people, Jews and Gentiles alike, are under the power of sin, as it is written:
“None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands, no one seeks for God.

**P: “All have turned aside, together they have gone wrong; no one does good,
not even one.”**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From *When We Gather*, Rev. James G. Kirk

**Gracious God, full of steadfast love and faithfulness, forgive us for having hardened
hearts and failing to heed your voice. We confess that we don't listen to the Word that
you send, and we confess our delay in obeying the direction Jesus brings. You promise
the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power, but we confess to ignoring your guid-
ance, since we do not respond. Forgive our sin, and help us to follow the way of Christ.**

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Ephesians 1: 5-8

L: God the Father 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.

**P: In Jesus we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace which he has 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

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 42: 5-9 ~ Page 622 in the pew Bible

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread
forth the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to
those who walk in it: “I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by
the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to
open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison
those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor
my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I
now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Mark 8: 11-26 ~ Page 875 in the pew Bible

[After the feeding of the 5,000 in Mark 6:30-44, and the feeding of the 4,000 in Mark 8:1-9]
The Pharisees came and began to argue with him [Jesus], seeking from him a sign from
heaven, to test him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and said, “Why does this generation
seek a sign? Truly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation.” And he left them,
and getting into the boat again he departed to the other side. Now they had forgotten to bring
bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. And he cautioned them, saying,
“Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” And they dis-
cussed it with one another, saying, “We have no bread.” And being aware of it, Jesus said to
them, “Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or un-
derstand? Are your hearts hardened? Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not
hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how
many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” They said to him, “Twelve.” “And the
seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?” And
they said to him, “Seven.” And he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?” And they
came to Bethsaida. And some people brought to him a blind man, and begged him to touch
him. And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the village; and when he had
spit on his eyes and laid his hands upon him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” And he
looked up and said, “I see men; but they look like trees, walking.” Then again he laid his
hands upon his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and saw everything clearly.
And he sent him away to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Ephesians 4: 17-24 ~ Page 1019 in the pew Bible

Now this I affirm and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; they are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart; and they have become callous and have given themselves up to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of uncleanness. You did not so learn Christ! – assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus. Put off your old nature which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new nature, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON “Opened Eyes Overcome Hardened Hearts” Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *Amazing Grace* #343

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* #562

*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.

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