

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 4, 2015 World Communion Sunday ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Alessio Giacobone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Is. 56:8, 66:18b-c; Jer. 3:17; Ps. 102: 16, 21-22

L: Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, "I will gather yet others to join them, besides those already gathered."

P: [The LORD says,] "I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they all shall come and they all shall see my glory."

L: At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the LORD, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the LORD in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart.

P: For the LORD will build up Zion, he will appear in his glory; that all may declare in Zion the name of the LORD, and in Jerusalem his praise, when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the LORD.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – you created humanity in your own image, and you have called us to be in a personal relationship with you by faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Draw near to us as we draw near to you in this time of worship, we pray in his name. Amen.

***HYMN**

In Christ There Is No East or West

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Jeremiah 3:12-13

L: Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, "Return, faithless Israel, says the LORD. I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, says the LORD; I will not be angry for ever.

P: "Only acknowledge your guilt, that you rebelled against the LORD your God, and scattered your favors among strangers under every green tree, and that you have not obeyed my voice, says the LORD."

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to unity as one people through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Jesus prayed to the Father that all who believe in him "may be one, even as we are one." Forgive us for the divisions we make, and the divisions we keep, as we divide ourselves according to nationality, race, religion, politics, income, and so many other ways. We declare that "we" are right, and "they" are wrong; we want blessings and forgiveness

for "us," and correction and punishment for "them." We turn any who are different into an "other" who is our enemy, instead of a fellow sinner for whom Christ died. Forgive us for proclaiming unity in Christ, while still practicing favoritism and judgment.
(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Colossians 2: 6, 10, 13-14

L: As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him.

P: [We] have come to fullness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

L: And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

P: Having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

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

Peace Begins

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 10: 1-3, 11, 14-16 ~ Pages 933-934 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said,] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17 ~ Page 997 in the pew Bible

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"World Communion Sunday"

Rev. Frank Wyche