

are my friends if you do what I command you.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide.”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 ~ Page 1001 in the pew Bible

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas [Peter], then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach, and so you believed.

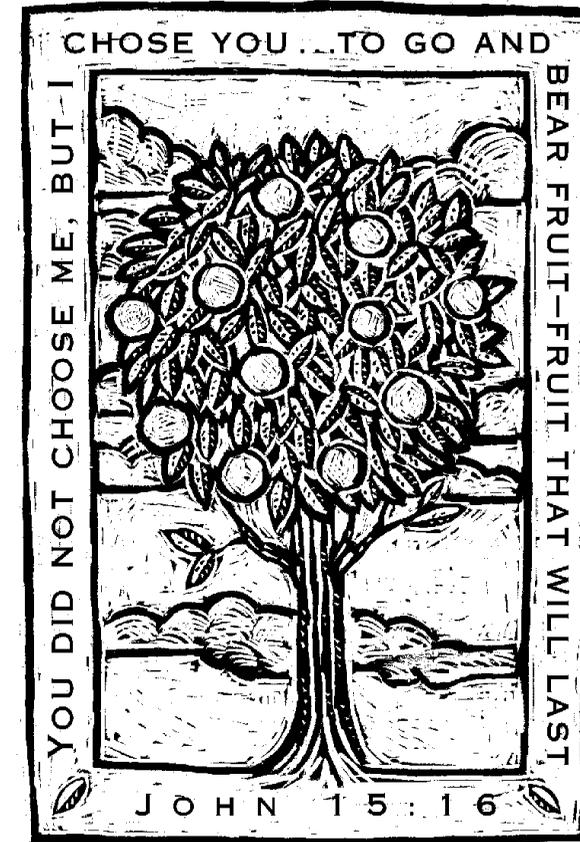
L: This is the word of the Lord; **P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON	“Heritage Sunday”	Rev. Frank Wyche
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles’ Creed</i>	Inside front cover of hymnal
*HYMN	<i>We Are God’s People</i>	#399
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#815
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER	(... <i>debts / debtors</i> ...)	
*HYMN	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	#426
*BENEDICTION		
CHORAL CLOSE	<i>God Be With You</i>	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE		Adam Kelly, Accompanist

\*Those who are able may stand

**BOLDFACE TYPE** indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

# HERITAGE SUNDAY



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October 14, 2018 ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 14, 2018    *Heritage Sunday ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*    11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Adam Kelly, Accompanist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*We Gather Together*

Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 111: 1, 3b-4; 28: 8-9**

L: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**P: The LORD's righteousness endures forever. The LORD has caused God's wonderful works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

L: The LORD is the strength of God's people; the LORD is the saving refuge of God's anointed ones.

**P: Save your people, O LORD, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we thank you for the gifts of yourself, and of this church, and of one another. Draw near to us, as we praise and glorify you, and as we give thanks for all the blessings and goodness you have poured out upon us, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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**RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Isaiah 55: 6-7**

L: Seek the LORD while God may be found, call upon the LORD while God is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

**P: Let them return to the LORD that God may have mercy on them, and to our God, for the LORD will abundantly pardon.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, we ask you to forgive our sins, and open our eyes to your truth. Forgive us for the sin of pride, when we see ourselves as innocent when we are guilty, pure when we are stained, and superior when we are no better than others. Forgive us for the sin of greed, when we clutch tightly to what we own, instead of sharing with those in need. We blame the unnamed poor as responsible for their own poverty, but we see our unemployed family and friends as victims of others. We insist on our own way, believing we see truth more clearly than anyone else, even when our attitudes and opinions are in clear conflict with the Bible, and are contrary to the commandments of Jesus. Have mercy upon us, and save us from our blind and willful acceptance of sin.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 Peter 2: 9-10**

L: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of the One who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light.

**P: Once [we] were no people, but now [we] are God's people; once [we] had not received mercy, but now [we] have received mercy.**

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

*Tell Me the Story*

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Deuteronomy 7: 6-9 ~ Page 158 in the pew Bible

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for God's own possession, out of all the peoples that are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set God's love upon you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples; but it is because the LORD loves you, and it is because the LORD is keeping the oath which God swore to your ancestors that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love to a thousand generations with those who love God and keep God's commandments.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 15: 1-2, 4-14, 16a ~ Pages 939-940 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, God takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit God prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. The person who abides in me, and I in them, that is the person who bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me, they are cast forth as a branch and wither; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and I abide in my Father's love. These things I have spoken to you that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No person has greater love than this, that a person lay down their life for their friends. You