

**HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

October 15, 2017      Heritage Sunday ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time      11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE      Carolyn Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP      *We Have Come to Join in Worship*      Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 28: 6-9**

L: Blessed be the LORD! for he has heard the voice of my supplications.

**P: The LORD is my strength and my shield. My heart trusts in him, so I am helped; therefore my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

L: The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed ones.

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

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – you call your Church to witness that in Jesus Christ we are reconciled to you. Bless us in our time of worship; and as we go forth, help us to proclaim the good news of your love, so that all who hear it may turn to you; we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*      #139**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Psalm 25: 6-7, 11, 18**

L: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, or my transgressions, O LORD, but remember me according to your steadfast love, and for the sake of your goodness.

**P: For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, forgive our lack of commitment. You have showered us with so many good gifts, but we passively bask in your benefits and blessings, instead of being moved to change our lives, in response to our salvation. We are thankful for what you have done for us, but too often we see your grace only as what has happened to us in the past, instead of appreciating your constant presence. Help us actively to show and share your love with a needing world. Re-direct our paths as your people, so that we not only receive your gifts, but we also go forth into the world as your ambassadors.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Ephesians 1: 5-8**

L: God 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 him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace which he 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      #813**

ANTHEM      *Fly Away Medley*      Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 43: 1, 11, 16-21 ~ Pages 623-624 in the pew Bible

But now thus says the LORD, the God who created you, O Jacob, the One who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

“I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.”

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 1: 67-75 ~ Page 889 in the pew Bible

And his [John the Baptist’s] father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our ancestors, and to remember his holy covenant, the oath which he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before God all the days of our lives.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Philippians 3: 7-16 ~ Page 1024 in the pew Bible

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own, based on law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith; that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming

like him in his death, so that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature be of this mind; and if in anything you are otherwise minded, God will also reveal that to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

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

SERMON "Christian Heritage" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

\*HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #324

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

\*HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (vss. 1-3, 6) #686

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL CLOSE *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace

\*Those who are able may stand.

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

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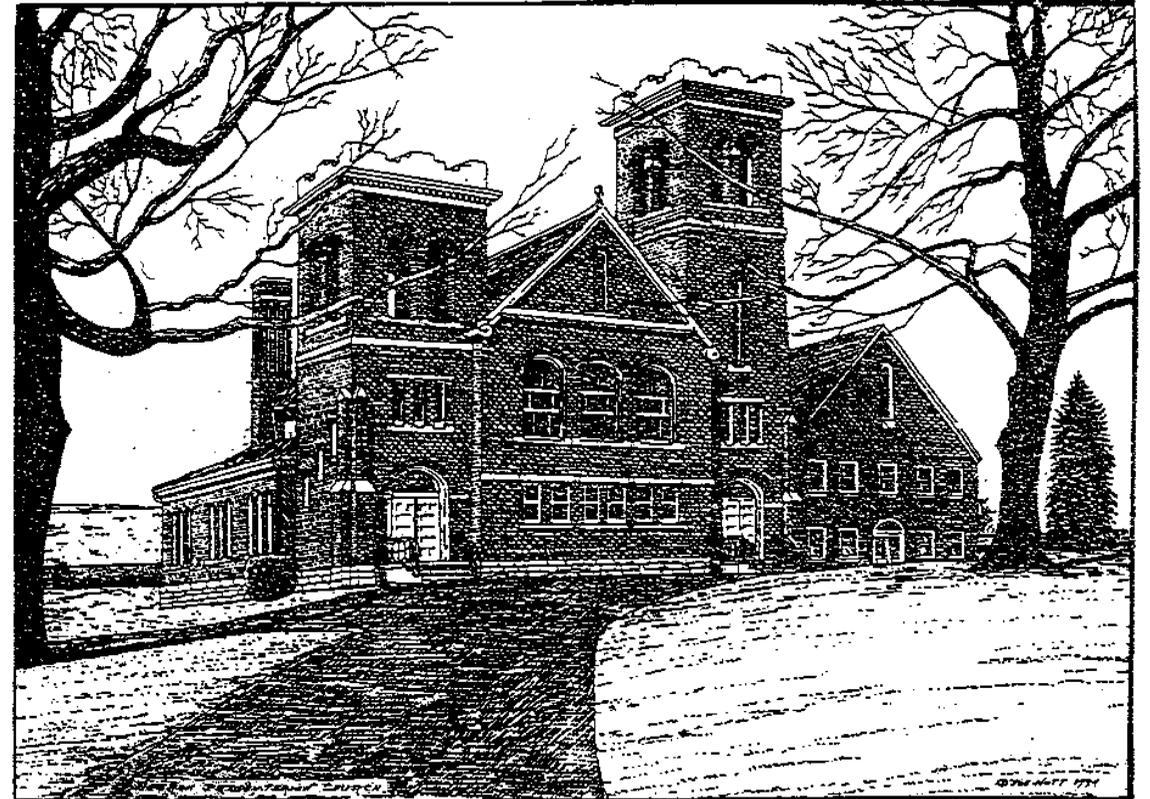
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