

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 25, 2015

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Alessio Giacobone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Peter 2: 4-6;

L: Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

P: And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to humanity by which we must be saved.

L: Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

P: For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we rejoice that in Jesus Christ we have eternal life, forgiveness of sins, and a source of refuge, comfort, and strength. As we gather in worship, we pray the presence of the Holy Spirit to teach us your ways, and to draw us ever closer to you, and to one another; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* Bulletin Insert

CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Isaiah 64: 6a, 8a, 9a

L: We have all become like one who is unclean, and even our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment.

P: But now, O LORD, you are our Father. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember our iniquity forever.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, forgive our lack of appreciation of your many gifts to us, as well as the gifts of others. Forgive our failure to study the Bible, when so many have never heard your wonderful word to humanity, and when so many died to secure this privilege for us. Forgive our failure to pray, when you are always ready to listen; and you are more willing to forgive, than we are to confess. Forgive us for trusting in ourselves and our accomplishments, instead of living as people saved by grace alone.

(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 Jesus Christ 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**

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ANTHEM

I Will Come to You

Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ~ 2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Jeremiah 31: 31-34 ~ Page 680 in the pew Bible

Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother or sister, saying, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 18: 9-14 ~ Page 911 in the pew Bible

He [Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and condemned others: "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted."