

his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were written in this book. Then he made all who were present in Jerusalem and in Benjamin stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their ancestors. And Josiah took away all the abominations from all the territory that belonged to the people of Israel, and made all who were in Israel serve the LORD their God. All his days they did not turn away from following the LORD the God of their ancestors.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 3: 14-18 ~ page 924 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said,] “As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.” For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned; whoever does not believe is condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 2 Timothy 3: 14-17 ~ page 1039 in the pew Bible

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 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.

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

SERMON “Being Reformed by the Word of God” Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *How Firm a Foundation* #408

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS, MORNING PRAYER, AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN *Jesus Calls Us* #592

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Jesus Calls Us* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace



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PRELUDE

Carolyn Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Into His Presence

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 46: 1-2, 4-5, 10-11

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

P: Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

P: God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early.

L: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"

P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***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.

***HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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RESPONSIVE 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)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Ephesians 2: 12, 4-5

L: Remember that [we] were [once] separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope, and

without God in the world.

P: But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace [we] have been saved.

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

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 2 Chronicles 34: 1-5, 8-9a, 14b-16a, 18b-21, 29-33

~ pages 401-402 in the pew Bible

Josiah [king of Judah] was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned 31 years in Jerusalem. He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his ancestor; and he did not turn aside to the right or to the left. For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still a boy, he began to seek the God of David his ancestor; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the Asherim, and the graven and the molten images. And they broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence; and he hewed down the incense altars which stood above them; and he broke in pieces the Asherim and the graven and the molten images, and he made dust of them and strewed it over the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem.

Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent [various officials] to repair the house of the LORD his God. They came to Hilkiah the high priest.

Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the LORD given through Moses. Then Hilkiah said to Shaphan the king's secretary, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD," and Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, [who] brought the book to the king.

And Shaphan read it before the king. When the king heard the words of the law he tore his clothes. And the king commanded [his officials], saying, "Go, inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out on us, because our ancestors have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all that is written in this book."

Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up to the house of the LORD, with all the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests and the Levites, all the people both great and small; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD. And the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all