

**HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

August 18, 2013

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE      *Sonata in F Major, Adagio* ~ Benedetto Marcello  
Ruth Chodrow, Recorder ~ Luis Gonzáles, Organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP      *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*      Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 80: 1a, 2b-3, 14-15, 17-19

L: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, who leads Joseph like a flock! Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**P: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

L: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock which your right hand planted.

**P: Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the Son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!**

L: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name!

**P: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we come before you in this time of worship knowing that you have indeed been our help all our days, and you have poured out your love upon us. Bless us in our time together, we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      *Join All the Glorious Names*      #132

CALL TO CONFESSION

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION** ~ From *When We Gather* by Rev. James G. Kirk

**Have mercy upon us, O God, for sin clings so closely and entangles us so easily, and its burden is great. Because of sin our hands are at our sides, when they should be reaching out to others; and our knees are shaky, when we should be standing firm. We are victims of our own misdeeds, and we cannot escape sin’s weight on our lives. In Jesus’ name and for his sake, lift the burden from us, and help us to walk in faith, in freedom, and in strength.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**      #813

SOLO      *My Soul Hears through Hearing* ~ Georg Frederic Handel  
Kaitlyn Hunsberger, Soprano ~ Ruth Chodrow, Recorder

CHILDREN’S LESSON ~ *(Preschool through 2nd grade children may be led to Junior Church following the children’s message. Older children’s bulletins are in the vestibule.)*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 5: 1-7 ~ Page 589 in pew Bible

Let me sing for my beloved a love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, found only bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, a cry!

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 11: 28-30 ~ Page 845 in pew Bible

[Jesus said] “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Hebrews 11:29-12:3 ~ Pages 1051-1052 in the pew Bible

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land; but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the harlot did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given friendly welcome to the spies. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated – of whom the world was not worthy – wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not re-

ceive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

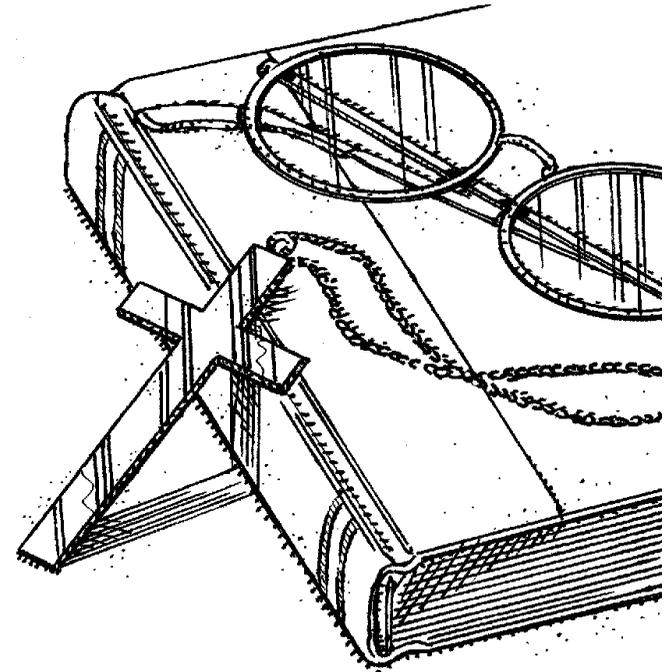
L: This is the word of the Lord;

**P: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON	“Keeping the Faith”	Rev. Frank Wyche
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Nicene Creed</i>	Inside front cover of Hymnal
*HYMN	<i>Higher Ground</i>	#549
OFFERING	<i>Largo ~ Benedetto Marcello</i>	
OFFERTORY		
*DOXOLOGY		#815
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER	<i>(...debts/debtors...)</i>	
*HYMN	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	#575
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>Sonata in F Major, Allegro ~ Benedetto Marcello</i>	Luis González

\*Those who are able may stand.

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



Let us keep our eyes  
on Jesus, the author and  
perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2

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