

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 14, 2014

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Luis González

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Lord

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 103: 1-5, 17-18, 20, 22

L: Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

P: Who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

L: The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who hold him proper reverence and respect,

P: And his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

L: Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word!

P: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

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 so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#11

CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Gracious God, we are mindful each time we come into your presence how willing you are to forgive seventy times seven. Yet when people betray us, we bear grudges and think ill of them. We are quick to anger when we feel we've been wronged. We do not hasten to seek reconciliation, even when we would rather things were less stressful and tense. Forgive us when we hesitate to follow your example, and help us to seek the peace Christ taught us to practice. *(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Psalm 103: 8-12

L: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger for ever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

P: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who love him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from 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

Alleluia, Praise the Lord

Chancel Choir

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

1st GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 6: 8b-15 ~ Page 839 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said,] "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our debts, As we also have forgiven our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

2nd GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 18: 21-35 ~ Page 852-853 in the pew Bible

Then Peter came up and said to him [Jesus], "Lord, how often shall my brother or sister sin against me, and I forgive them? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and

reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.

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

SERMON "God's Command To Forgive" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *Amazing Grace* #343

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* #355

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Now Unto Him* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Luis González

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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*For if you forgive
others their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will
also forgive you...*

Matthew 6:14



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