

**HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Order of Service for the Worship of God**

October 5, 2014 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Communion Sunday 11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Luis González

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *God Is in His Holy Temple* Chancel Choir

**\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Ephesians 4: 4-7

L: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call,

**P: One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all,**

L: Who is above all and through all and in all.

**P: But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – you made the world and all things in it to your glory, and you made us in your image. Be with us now as we worship and praise you, offering thanksgiving for all your goodness and mercy; we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *Jesus Shall Reign* #375

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we know from John 3:16 that your love for the whole world brought Jesus Christ among us. Forgive us when we divide people, when we know that you created us all, and you love us all. Forgive us for dividing Christians according to denomination, race, nationality, or status, when we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive us for dividing Christians from non-Christians, to whom we should be showing and sharing Christ's love, and for whom we should be praying, that by the Holy Spirit they, too, might come into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.**

*(Silent prayer and personal confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON** ~ Psalm 25: 12, 14, 8-9

L: Who is the one who fears the LORD? God will instruct them in the way that they should choose. The friendship of the LORD is for those who hold him in proper reverence and respect, and to them he makes known his covenant.

**P: The LORD is good and upright; therefore God instructs sinners in the way.**

**God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.**

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

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#813**

ANTHEM *O Lord Most Holy* 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Isaiah 42: 5-9 ~ Page 622 in the pew Bible

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread forth the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 22: 1-14 ~ Pages 856-857 in the pew Bible

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner – my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' But he did not answer. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Romans 3: 22c-26, 28-30 ~ Page 979 in the pew Bible

For there is no distinction [between Jew and Gentile]; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over

former sins; it was to prove at the present time that God himself is righteous and that God justifies whoever has faith in Jesus. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works of law. Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, since God is one; and he will justify the circumcised [the Jews] on the ground of their faith and the uncircumcised [the Gentiles] through their faith.

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

SERMON "World Communion Sunday" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

\*HYMN *In Christ There Is No East or West* #428

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Refer to Bulletin Insert

\*CLOSING HYMN *God Be with You till We Meet Again* #232

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL CLOSE *Aaron's Blessing* (Numbers 6: 24-26) 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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