

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

February 12, 2012

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *Voluntary V (Adagio; Trumpet Tune) ~ John Stanley* Ben Heizer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 147: 1, 3, 6a, 11-12, 19-20**

L: Praise the LORD! It is good to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is right.

P: The LORD heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. The LORD lifts up the downtrodden.

L: The LORD takes pleasure in those who worship and him in proper awe and respect, in those who put their confidence in his steadfast love.

P: Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

L: The LORD declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

P: God has not dealt this way with any other nation; they do not know his ordinances. Praise the LORD!

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we gather in your presence to give you all worship, praise, and thanksgiving. Restore and refresh us by the Holy Spirit, that we may grow in faith and discipleship, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* **#210**

REPONSIVE CALL CONFESSION ~ Psalm 25: 7-8, 11, 17-18

L: Do not remember not the sins of my youth, O God, nor my transgressions.

According to your steadfast love, for your goodness' sake, remember me, O LORD!

P: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

L: Relieve the troubles of my heart, and rescue me from my distresses.

P: Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

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

Holy God, Christ calls us stewards, but we squander your gifts. He gives us tasks to perform, yet we do as we please. Christ sends us to minister on behalf of those suffering, but we are slow to respond, acting first to make sure our own desires are met. He expects us to praise you in all that we do, but we take all the credit when things go well. Forgive us, restore us, and help us to be more faithful servants.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI** **#813**

ANTHEM *In This Very Room ~ Ron and Carol Harris* 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 ~ 2 Kings 5: 1-15b ~ Page 323 in the pew Bible

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little maid from the land of Israel, and she waited on Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the maiden from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten festal garments. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." And when the king of Israel read the letter, he rent his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me." But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you rent your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry, and went away, saying, "Look, I thought that he would surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, if the prophet had commanded you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather, then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him; and he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel."

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Mark 1: 40-45 ~ Page 868 in the pew Bible

And a leper came to him [Jesus] beseeching him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. And he sternly charged him, and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to any one; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to the people." But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

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

SERMON "How Hard Can It Be?" Rev. Frank Wyche
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* Inside front cover of Hymnal
*HYMN OF RESPONSE *He Touched Me* #505
OFFERING AND OFFERTORY *Canzona in C-Major* ~ Domenico Zippoli
*DOXOLOGY #815
PRAYER OF DEDICATION
JOYS AND CONCERNS
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (...debtors/debtors...)
*CLOSING HYMN *To God Be the Glory* #56
*BENEDICTION
*CHORAL RESPONSE *My Hope Is Built* Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE Ben Heizer

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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Jesus Heals the Leper



Mark 1:41

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