

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

March 1, 2009

1st Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *Reflection on "The Passion Chorale"* ~ Desmond Ratcliffe Rev. C. Ralph Mills

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Elaine Wyche

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *God Himself Is with Us* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 25: 1-2b, 4-5b, 8-9, 20 Andrew Wyche

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust, do not let me be put to shame.

P: Make me to know your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.

L: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

P: Guard my life, and deliver me. Do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – draw near to us as we draw near to you in this time of worship. As we enter Lent, guide us in self-examination and in repentance, and lead us into a closer relationship with you, that we may worship you and show forth your love in all our words and actions, in all our days. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Lift High the Cross* #450

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ Psalm 51: 1-17

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

L: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight.

L: Behold, I have been wicked ever since my birth, and a sinner from the moment my mother conceived me.

P: But see, you look for truth deep within me; therefore, teach me wisdom in the deepest parts of my heart.

L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P: Fill me with joy and gladness; that my body you have broken may rejoice.

L: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

L: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

L: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

P: Deliver me from death, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

L: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

P: For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

L: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

P: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 John 1: 5, 7c; 2: 1b-2; 3:1a

L: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. And the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous,

L: And he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

P: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

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

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

***GLORIA PATRI** #813

ANTHEM *Prayer for Guidance (Psalm 25)* 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 ~ Joel 2: 1-2, 11-17 ~ Page 787 in the pew Bible

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations. The LORD utters his voice before his army, for his host is exceedingly great; he that executes his word is powerful. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it? "Yet even now," says the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. Who knows whether he will not turn and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, a cereal offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn

assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Page 1006-1007 in the pew Bible

We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. Working together with him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything

SERMON "The Season of Lent" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *O Jesus, I Have Promised* #676

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Fourth Sonata ~ II: Andante religioso ~ Felix Mendelsohn*

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *Take Time To Be Holy* #656

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *With All My Heart* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Pastorale ~ Darius Milhaud* Rev. C. Ralph Mills

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