

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

March 13, 2011

1st Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *The Lord's Prayer* ~ Albert Hay Malotte (Arr. for Organ, H.D. Griswold) Ben Heizer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Lamb of God* Chancel Choir

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

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**

Holy God, be with us now as we gather to worship and praise you. In this season of Lent, help us to examine ourselves, and to re-direct our lives to you, glorifying and thanking you for the blessings of life, for salvation through Jesus Christ, and for your abiding presence in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***HYMN** *The Church's One Foundation* #401

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)

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

ANTHEM *O Lord Most Holy* ~ Jay Althouse 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?'"

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18 ~ Page 839 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said,] "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

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

SERMON "The Season of Lent" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *Take Time To Be Holy* #656

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace* ~ Arranged by Ben Heizer

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS; MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* #630

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* ~ Arr. by Carson P. Cooman Ben Heizer

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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