

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 18, 2012

4th Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* ~ Johann Gottfried Walther Ben Heizer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Jesus Paid It All* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 107: 1-3, 17, 19, 20b-22

L: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever!
Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

**P: Those whom he has redeemed from trouble, and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

L: Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities
they suffered affliction.

**P: Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their
distress; God healed them, and delivered them from destruction.**

L: Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works
to the children of humanity!

P: And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – draw near to us as we draw near to you,
in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, whose death restored us to you,
and whose call on our lives draws us together in this time and place. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN** *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* #309

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess our separation from you. You love us, and you created us in
your image, that we might know you and love you, but we separate ourselves by our
thoughts, words, and actions. Forgive us for busy-ness and idleness that keep us from
spending time with you. Forgive us for words and actions that hurt and divide us from
others, instead of reconciling ourselves to one another, and to you. Forgive us for see-
ing our salvation so casually, instead of considering the cost of your self-sacrifice.**

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Romans 8: 31b-32; Ephesians 1: 5, 7

L: “If God is for us, who is against us?”

**P: “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also
give us all things with him?”**

L: “[God] destined us in love to be his children through Jesus Christ, according to
the purpose of his will.

**P: “We have redemption through [Jesus Christ’s] blood, the forgiveness of our sins,
according to the riches of his grace which he lavished upon us.”**

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

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

***GLORIA PATRI** #813

ANTHEM *You Are Mine* ~ David Haas 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

FIRST OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13 ~ Pages 16-17 in pew Bible

After these things God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And [Abraham]
said, “Here I am.” [God] said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go
to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of
which I shall tell you.”

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there,
and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the
wood. Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of
the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I
am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that
you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abra-
ham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by
his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead
of his son.

SECOND OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Numbers 21: 4-9 ~ Page 134 in the pew Bible

From Mount Hor they [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the
land of Edom; and the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against
God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilder-
ness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food” [the manna that
God provided]. Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the peo-
ple, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses, and said, “We have
sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD, that God
take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to
Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and every one who is bitten, when they
see it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent, and set it on a pole; and if a serpent bit
any one, they would look at the bronze serpent and live.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 3: 13-21 ~ pg. 924 in pew Bible

[Jesus said] "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned; whoever does not believe is condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest their deeds should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been wrought in God.

SERMON "Christ Was Lifted Up To Save Us from Sin and Death" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *What Wondrous Love Is This* #314

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* ~ Johann Pachelbel

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* #788

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Amen* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* ~ J.S. Bach/Arr. by Virgil Fox Ben Heizer

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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Fourth
SUNDAY
IN LENT

**As Moses
lifted up the
serpent in the
wilderness,
so must the
Son of man
be lifted up,
that whoever
believes in him
may have
eternal life.**

~John 3: 14-15



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