

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

May 16, 2010

7th Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *Ye Servants of God* Carolyn Wallace, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Conor Cahill

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Come, Christians, Join To Sing* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Isaiah 63: 7, 14, 16b

L: I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us,

P: And the great goodness to the house of Israel which he has granted them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

L: Like cattle that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

P: You, O LORD, are our Father; our Redeemer from of old is your name.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, who is our great Shepherd, in the silence of this moment, call us by name, lift our weary spirits, deepen our questioning faith, and give us new eyes to see Your blessings all around us. As we worship this hour, may we celebrate that You are the giver of peace and patience, the source of joy, and a whisper of love in the stillness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Praise Him! Praise Him!* #12

RESPONSIVE CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Psalm 51:1-2, 10-11

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

P: Do not cast me away from your presence; do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

Almighty God, throughout history you poured your Spirit upon those you call to be your people. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace to ourselves and others, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Holy Spirit, and fill us with the burning desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 John 2: 1b-2

L: If any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;
P: And he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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

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

***GLORIA PATRI** #813

ANTHEM *Canon of Praise* 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 GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 3: 15-16 ~ Page 891 in the pew Bible

As the people were in expectation, and all questioned in their hearts concerning John [the Baptist], whether perhaps he were the Christ, John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

2ND GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 14:15-19, 25-29; 15:26-27; 16:7-8 ~ pp. 939-940 in pew Bible

[Jesus said] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also."

"These things I have spoken to you, while I am still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I go to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place, you may believe."

"But when the Counselor comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with me from the beginning."

"Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Acts 1: 1-9 ~ Page 947 in the pew Bible

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON	"The Spirit Foretold"	Rev. Frank Wyche
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	Inside front cover of Hymnal
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	#389
OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	<i>Give Thanks</i>	
*DOXOLOGY		#815
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*HYMN	<i>Standing on the Promises</i>	#410
*BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	<i>God Be with You 'til We Meet Again</i>	Chancel Choir
POSTLUDE	<i>"Detroit" / The Sacred Harp</i>	Carolyn Wallace

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

I have baptized you
with **WATER;**
but he
will baptize you
with the
**HOLY
SPIRIT.**

Mark 1:8



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