

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

November 16, 2008

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ~ Hintze/Hopson Carolyn Wallace, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Michael Ruleman

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 5: 7-8a, 11-12

L: Through the abundance of your steadfast love and mercy, I will enter your house,
O LORD; I will worship in holy temple in awe of you.

P: Lead me, O LORD; let all who take refuge in you rejoice!

L: Let them sing for joy forever! Defend them, so that those who love your name
may exult in you.

P: For you bless the righteous, O LORD; you cover them with favor as with a shield.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER** ~ From the PCUSA *Book of Common Worship*

Almighty God, whose sovereign purpose none can make void, give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, knowing that your kingdom shall come, and your will be done, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* #639

CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Psalm 5: 1-2, 4-6

Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my groaning. Harken to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray. For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not keep company with you, and the boastful may not stand before your eyes. You hate all evildoers, and you destroy those who speak lies. The LORD abhors violent and deceitful people.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have made us a people of the day, and not of the night. You call us to be awake, ready to hear you speak to us. You call us to take risks, to live, not in the darkness but in the light. Yet we give in to our worries and doubts, fearing to go where you call us, or to trust in your presence. Forgive our lack of faith, and our misplaced priorities. Restore us, strengthen us, and equip us to serve you, we ask in Jesus' name.

(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**

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ANTHEM

I Will Lift Up My Eyes

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

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 25: 14-30 ~ Pages 860-861 in the pew Bible

[Jesus said of the kingdom of heaven] "For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'"

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 ~ Page 1031 in the pew Bible

But as to the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor comes upon a woman expecting a child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night; and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But, since we belong to

the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "What Have We Done for God?" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *I Gave My Life for Thee* #675

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *My Life Is in You, Lord* ~ D. Gardner

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *Rise Up, O Church of God* #433

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be With You till We Meet Again* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Detroit* ~ arr. Cassler Carolyn Wallace

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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The Parable of the Talents

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