

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

March 6, 2016

4th Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Alessio Giacobone

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I Will Come and Bow Down

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 32: 1-2, 6-8, 11

L: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

P: Blessed are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

L: Therefore let all who are godly offer prayer to you. In a time of distress, amid the rush of great waters, peril shall not reach them.

P: You are a hiding place for me, you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with your deliverance.

L: [The LORD says] "I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you."

P: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O you righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal and almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – we rejoice in your love, and in your presence in our lives. Bless us and be with us as we gather to worship you, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN**

Come, Thou Almighty King

#8

CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Psalm 32: 3, 5a-c

L: When I did not admit my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long.

P: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian)

God of all mercy, give us grace to make a fresh start today. We know that we have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. In the same way, and to the same degree that we hope to be forgiven, teach us also to forgive; and lead us forward in a new life where neither grudges nor resentment, neither smug self-righteousness nor dismissive indifference, have any part; we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Psalm 103: 8-12

L: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger for ever.

P: The LORD does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities.

L: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who hold him in proper awe and reverence.

P: And as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from 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

Grace Alone

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON ~ *Children through 5th grade may go to Junior Church afterward*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32 ~ Pages 908-909 in the pew Bible

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have fed on the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the

servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

SERMON "The Prodigal Son: One-Third of a Parable" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *Amazing Grace* #343

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* #606

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Grace Alone* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Alessio Giacobone

*Those who are able may stand.

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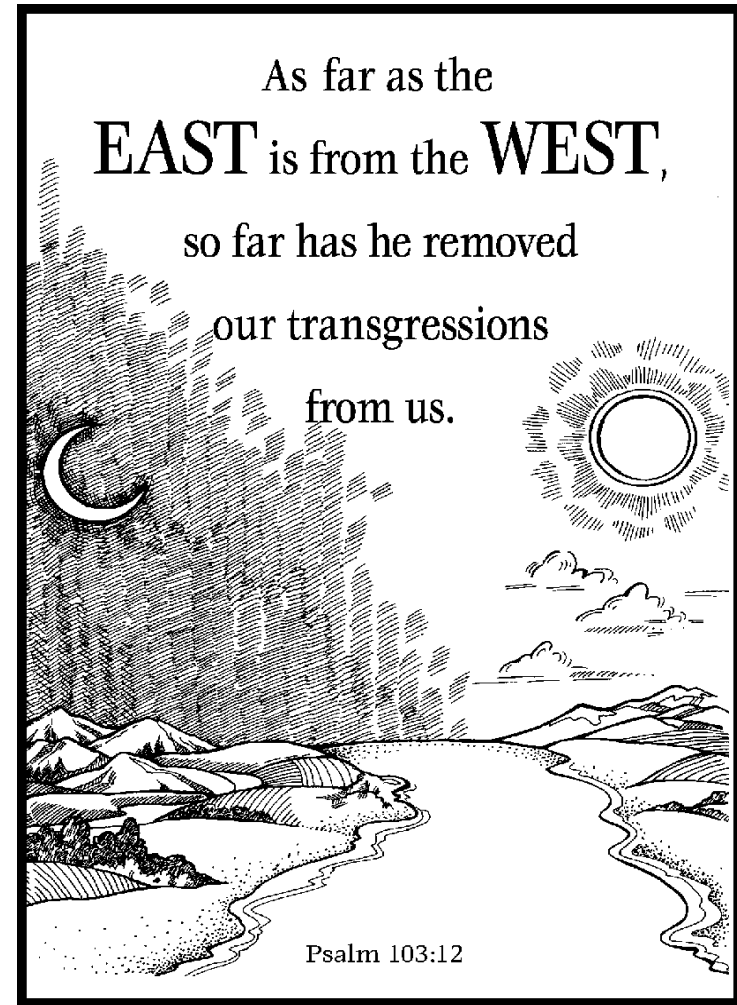
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As far as the
EAST is from the **WEST**,
so far has he removed
our transgressions
from us.



Psalm 103:12

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