

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

March 12, 2017

2nd Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

POSTLUDE

Carolyn Wallace

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy Ground

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 40: 4-5, 9-10, 11, 16

L: Blessed are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, or to those who go astray after false gods.

P: You have multiplied, O LORD our God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! If I were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be numbered.

L: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

P: I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, but I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation. I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

L: O LORD, do not withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness ever preserve me!

P: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be with us now as we gather to worship and praise you. In this season of Lent, help us to examine ourselves, and to redirect 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**

Descend, O Holy Spirit

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CALL TO CONFESSION

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

Compassionate and loving God, by your invitation of grace, we lay before you the burdens we carry, the suffering we endure, the issues with which we wrestle, and the memories of past wrongs, hurts, shame, and failures. O Lord Jesus, may we know your forgiveness, and the healing and restorative touch of your hand, for we confess our wrongs: our craving for earthly things; our insatiable lust for worldly status, power and wealth; our words of malice and meanness; our shallow thoughts; and – above all – our pretense that we are better than we are. Fill us with the Holy Spirit so that we may see our sins clearly, repent of them, and return to you.

(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

The Keeper of Israel

Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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

From Mount Hor they [the Israelites during the Exodus] 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 wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food" [the manna from God]. Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, 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 he 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 he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent, and set it on a pole; and if a serpent bit anyone, they would look at the bronze serpent and live.

GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 3: 1-18a ~ Page 924 in the pew Bible

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew*, they cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can one be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit**, they cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can this be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand this? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen; but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who

**The Greek word ἀνωθεν (anōthen, AN-oh-thin) can mean 'anew, again' or 'from above, from heaven, from God'*

***The Greek word πνεῦμα (pneuma, NEW-mah) can mean 'spirit' or 'wind' or 'breath'*

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 will have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but will 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.

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

SERMON "Born of the Spirit, Born from God" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* (Hymn Tune #244) #517

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

*HYMN *Blessed Assurance* #572

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL CLOSE *With Thee, O Master, Let Me Live* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Carolyn Wallace

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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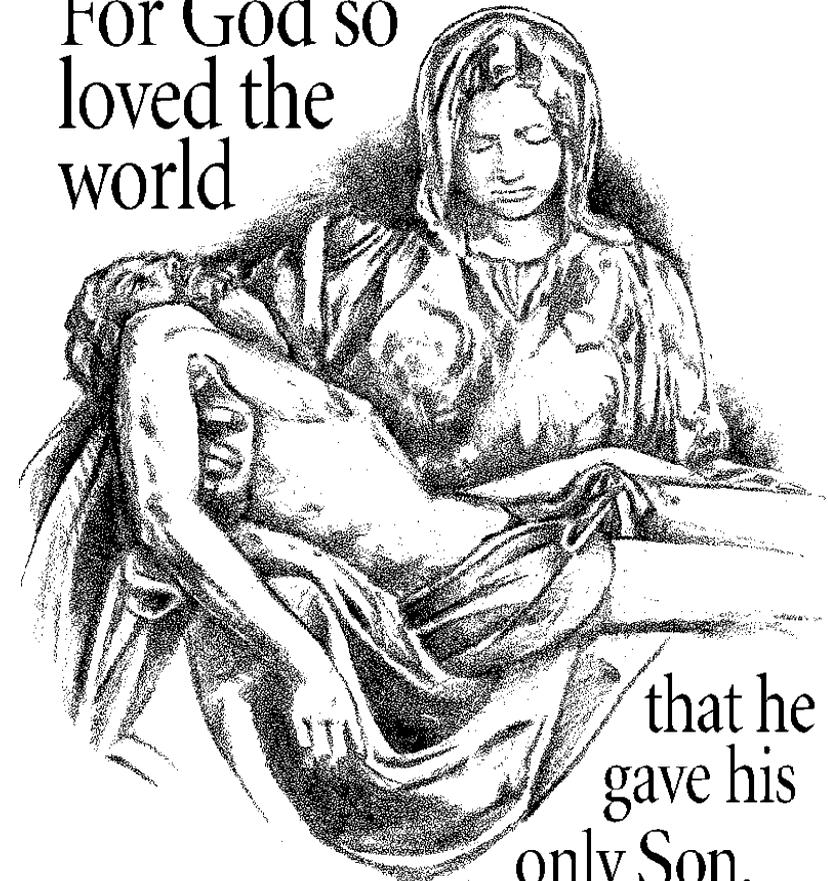
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For God so
loved the
world



that he
gave his
only Son.

John 3:16

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