

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

March 13, 2016

5th 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 63: 1-4, 7-8

L: O God, you are my God: I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

P: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

L: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

P: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

L: For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

P: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

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

Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – Redeemer of all who trust you, renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may obey your commands, and proclaim your kingdom of love, and power over sin and death in Christ our Savior, we pray in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

***HYMN**

The Church's One Foundation

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CALL TO CONFESSION ~ Isaiah 55: 6-7

L: Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

P: Let them return to the LORD that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ From the United Church of Christ

Righteous God, we confess that we do not obey the command of Christ to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have been silent while the bodies, spirits, and minds of others waste away. We receive blessings, but keep them for ourselves, while others die of physical and spiritual hunger. We look with self-righteous judgment upon others, while convincing ourselves of our own righteousness. We long for you to answer our prayers, to heal our diseases and our land, and to love us more than others. You command us to care for the poor and needy, and to love the strangers and foreigners, as well as our neighbors, but we try to hoard your forgiveness and your love, just as the Israelites tried to hoard manna in the wilderness. Forgive us, we humbly pray.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 Peter 2: 24-25

L: He [Jesus Christ] himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

P: For [we] were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of [our] souls.

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

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Chancel Choir

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

1st GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 9: 18-22, 28-31, 51 ~ Pages 900, 901 in the pew Bible

Now it happened that as he [Jesus] was praying alone the disciples were with him; and he asked them, "Who do the people say that I am?" And they answered, "John the Baptist; but others say, Elijah; and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." And he said to them, "But who do all of you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God." But he charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, saying, "The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised."

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem

When the days drew near for him to be received up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.

2nd GOSPEL LESSON ~ John 12: 1-8 ~ Page 936 in the pew Bible

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

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

SERMON "The Journey of Lent" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*HYMN *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* #680

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Jesus Doeth All Things Well* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Alessio Jacobone

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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