

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON "The Season of Lent" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Just as I Am* #488

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS AND MORNING PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: Let us pray. It is truly right.....who forever sing to the glory of your name:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

L: You are holy, O God of majesty... ..a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service:

ALL: Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has come, Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Praise to you, Lord Jesus: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

L: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... ..And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **Our Father... (The Lord's Prayer)**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

***CLOSING HYMN** *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* #232

*BENEDICTION

***CHORAL RESPONSE** *God Be With You* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Order of the Worship of God

February 10, 2008

First Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Guy Wright, Worship Leader

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Holy Ground* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 46: 1-2, 10-11

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

L: [The LORD says] "Be still and know that I am God; I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"

P: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, be with us now as we gather to worship and praise you. In this season of Lent, help us to examine ourselves, and to re-direct 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.

***OPENING HYMN** *Fairest Lord Jesus* #87

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ Psalm 51: 1-17

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy 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: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done that which is evil in your sight.

L: Behold, I have been wicked ever since my birth, and a sinner from the moment my mother conceived me.

P: But see, you look for truth deep within me; therefore, teach me wisdom in the deepest parts of my heart.



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L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P: Fill me with joy and gladness; that my body you have broken may rejoice.

L: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

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

L: Do not case me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

L: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

P: Deliver me from death, O God, the God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

L: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

P: For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

L: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

P: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ 1 John 1: 5, 7c; 2: 1b-2; 3:1a

L: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. And the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God.
~1 John 3:1a*

P: But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous,

L: And he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

P: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

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

Come Share the Lord

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Exodus 3: 13-15 ~ Page 47 in the pew Bible

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am."* And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel,

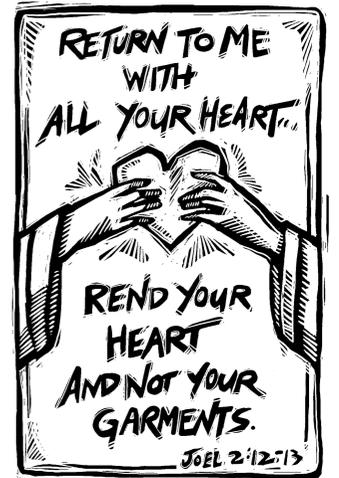
* verse 14: "I am who I am" – or, "I am what I am"; or, "I will be who/what I will be"

'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

2nd OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Joel 2: 1-2, 11-17 ~ Page 787 in the pew Bible

Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been from of old, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations. The LORD utters his voice before his army, for his host is exceedingly great; he that executes his word is powerful. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it?

"Yet even now," says the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. Who knows whether he will not turn and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, a cereal offering and a drink offering for the LORD, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and do not make your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"



GOSPEL LESSON ~ Matthew 4: 1-11 ~ Page 837 in the pew Bible

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! for it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.