

for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "The Reality of the Resurrection" Rev. Frank Wyche

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed* Inside front cover of Hymnal

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *How Firm a Foundation* #408

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #815

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*CLOSING HYMN *He Lives* #368

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Cornerstone* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE Brad Lehman, Organist

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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1 Corinthians 15:20

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April 6, 2008 ~ 3rd Sunday of Easter

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Order of Service for the Worship of God

April 6, 2008

Third Sunday of Easter

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE Brad Lehman, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Mike Ruleman

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Open Our Eyes, Lord* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ 1 Peter 1: 18-21 Brock Moore

L: You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, and this was not done with perishable things, such as silver or gold,

P: But with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

L: He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake.

P: Through him we have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead, and gave him glory, so that our faith and hope are in God.

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

Eternal Father, through Jesus Christ, your only Son, you overcame death, and opened to us the gate to everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord's resurrection, may, through the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, arise from the death of sin, and live in faithfulness and righteousness; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* #403

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, but we continue to live our own lives as if nothing had changed. Forgive us for failing to be led by the Holy Spirit, and for failing to be transformed by the new life Christ offers us. Increase our faith and our commitment, so that we may more fully turn from sin, and more fully live our lives according to your will, and your purposes.

(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 *It Is Well with My Soul* Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S LESSON (followed by Junior Church for children preschool through 2nd grade)
(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 ~ Luke 24: 36-48 ~ Page 920 in the pew Bible

As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them. But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; touch me, and see; for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 Corinthians 15: 1-20 ~ Page 1001 in the pew Bible

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas [or Peter], then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. Now if Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If