

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #45

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ~ *Cantilena* (Richard Floyd)

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION #815

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

*CLOSING HYMN *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* #754

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *For All the Saints* (Ralph Vaughn Williams) Jeremy Schroeder, Organist

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

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CHURCH COMMITTEES for 2008 have been established by the Session and are beginning to meet. The committees are accountable to the Session, and Session members are assigned to various committees, but *members of the congregation are needed to serve on all of the church committees.*

If you are interested in helping the church by serving on a committee, please contact one of the elders, or simply attend the committee meeting to volunteer. Church committees and the elders or congregation members who will chair or work with them are: Cemetery (Larry Mayer, Guy Wright), Christian Education (Linda Dundas, Theresa Moore, Mike Ruleman), Commitment and Witness (Mike Fallin, Martie Sieck), Congregational Ministries (Jon Arneson, Glenn Mader, Fred Smiley), Fellowship (Patsy Shull, Doris Smith), Personnel (David Moore, Jeff Simmons), Property (Richard Rathburn, Emerson Willard), Stewardship, Finance and Memorial (John Hildebrand), and Worship (Hannah Bush, Joan Wright).



ASCENSION SUNDAY

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May 4, 2008 ~ Ascension Sunday

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

May 4, 2008

Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ Ascension Sunday

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

He Is Exalted (Twila Paris)

Jeremy Schroeder, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Ruleman

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Awesome Power

Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP ~ Psalm 47: 1-2, 5, 8, 9c**

Anna Cahill

L: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

P: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome and mighty, a great king over all the earth.

L: God has gone up with a shout; the LORD has gone up with the sound of a trumpet.

P: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. He is highly exalted!

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal Father, you created the world and all that is in it. We praise you and glorify you for your mighty works. We thank you for the gift of yourself in Jesus Christ. We ask your presence by the Holy Spirit as we gather to worship you this day. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN**

Come, Christians, Join To Sing

#225

UNISON CALL TO CONFESSION, AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we would fear to look upon your holiness and justice, and we would join the tax collector in the parable of Jesus in saying, "Have mercy on me, a sinner." We know there is nothing we can do to make up for our sins, so lead us to a deeper faith and greater trust in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave his life for our sake, so that we might approach you in confession, even though we are sinful.

Have mercy upon us, O God, and forgive all the wrongs we have thought or said or done, and forgive us for failing to do the good that we might have done. By the gift of the Holy Spirit, help us to make a fearless and completely honest assessment of ourselves, so that we might turn from sin, and walk in your ways, for Jesus' sake.

(Silent prayer and personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ~ Colossians 2: 13-14

L: And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

P: Having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

#813

ANTHEM

Crown of Thorns, Crown of Glory

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

GOSPEL LESSON ~ Luke 24: 44-53 ~ Pages 920-921 in the pew Bible

Then he [Jesus] 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. And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ Acts 1: 1-11 ~ Page 947 in the pew Bible

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given the commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L: This is the word of the Lord;

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Ascension of Jesus"

Rev. Frank Wyche

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

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