

HEBRON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

April 10, 2011

5th Sunday in Lent

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE *Ah Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended* ~ Helmut Walcha Ben Heizer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Spirit of the Living God* Chancel Choir

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** ~ Psalm 130

L: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! Lord, hear my voice! May your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

P: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

L: But there is forgiveness with you, that you may be held in awe and respect.

P: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

L: My soul waits for the LORD more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD!

P: For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

***UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal Father, your Son came into the world to free us from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* #89

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION ~ Based on a prayer by Rev. Chris Heckert

Holy Gracious God, forgive us when we are proud, and our accomplishments leave little room to acknowledge your blessings in our lives. Teach us to embrace your timing, and to receive your presence. Increase our trust in you, our forgiveness of each other, and our responses to a hurting world. Help us to face the mystery of dying; to put to death bad thoughts, attitudes and behaviors in our lives; and to see the possibilities and opportunities of our new life, received by faith in Jesus Christ.

(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 *Wondrous Love* ~ Arr. By Stewart Landon 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 ~ John 11: 1-45 (46-53) ~ Pages 934-936 in the pew Bible

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness is not unto death; it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by means of it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were only now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." Thus he spoke, and then he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awake him out of sleep." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary sat in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. And even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying quietly, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Then Mary, when she came where Jesus was and saw him, fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled; and he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb; it was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" So they took

away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you hear me always, but I have said this on account of the people standing by, that they may believe that you indeed sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with bandages, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

(But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council, and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation." But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all; you do not understand that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish." He did not say this of his own accord, but, being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. So from that day on they took counsel how to put him to death.)

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

SERMON "Signs and Foreshadowings" Rev. Frank Wyche

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

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Abide with Me* #642

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (2 variations)* ~ Austin C. Lovelace

*DOXOLOGY #815

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *Sometimes a Light Surprises* Bulletin Insert

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *O How He Loves You and Me* Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *When I survey the Wondrous Cross (Variation 3)* ~ Austin C. Lovelace

*Those who are able may stand.

BOLDFACE TYPE indicates words spoken or sung by the congregation.

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead ~John 11



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