



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 15, 2009

Eleven o'clock

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

THE GATHERING

The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, we invite you to wear a name tag which is available from the greeters. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the blue cards available from the ushers and in the welcome pad folders. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.

**Stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE Fugue on "These are the Holy Ten Commandments" J.S. Bach

* **HYMN 416** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Westminster Abbey

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 19:7-9)

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Leader: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;

People: The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

INTROIT

Leonard Bernstein

Almighty Father, incline Thine ear;

Bless us and all those who have gathered here.

Thine angel send us Who shall defend us all.

And fill with grace All who dwell in this place. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Beneranda Baez

MINUTE FOR FIVE WISHES

Dorothy VanderWerf

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshipping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Holy and Merciful God, who inhabits every heart that is open to you, forgive us if we have in any way defiled your holy places. Forgive us when we get caught up in the quest for achievement and power, forgetting that the power of Jesus was made perfect in weakness. Heal us of the resentments and envies that have stained your world. Forgive us for how we have distorted your law and misunderstood your gracious will for us. Forgive us for how we have so often concentrated on the written word of Scripture yet failed to heed the call of that very word on our lives. We confess that too often we stress duty and obligation and too infrequently mention the joy, the wonder, and the peace of living in the way you have shown us. Help us to pause and listen for the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Show us our error and fill us with your grace and your power. Make us fully ready to proclaim with our lips and our lives that the crucified Christ is Lord. In the name of Jesus our Savior we pray, Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

KYRIE Hymnal No. 565

Lord, Have Mercy

Weaver

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.**
Thanks be to God!

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *“The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*

Response - *“And also with you.”*)

ANTHEM

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Jeff Reeves

You are the Hands

Lynn Bailey

JUNIOR CHOIR

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Mibs Wagner

+ Children and Youth leave for their classes. +

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

* HYMN 92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

St. Christopher

SECOND LESSON

John 2:13-22

SERMON

“That's My Temple”

Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY Thou, O Jehovah, Abideth Forever Aaron Copland

Thou, O Jehovah, abideth forever. God reigneth over all men and nations. His throne doth last and doth guide all the ages. Wherefore wilt Thou forsake us ever? When then wilt Thou forget us never? And all the length of our days will ever be our Savior.

* THE DOXOLOGY Old Hundredth

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN 441 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord St. Thomas

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE Chorale Prelude: J.S. Bach

“These are the Holy Ten Commandments”

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 20:1-17 (NRSV)

Then God spoke all these words: ²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me. ⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. ⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. ⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work— you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. ¹³You shall not murder. ¹⁴You shall not commit adultery. ¹⁵You shall not steal. ¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. ¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

John 2:13-22 (NRSV)

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the

coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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