

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2005

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*All who are able may stand.

Bold type spoken by the congregation

THE PEOPLE GATHER. . .

The Prelude

The Welcome and Announcements

The Introit

The Call To Worship

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

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

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and great power to redeem.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits; and in the word of the Lord I hope.

Let us worship God!

The Prayer of Adoration

You are merciful and just in the deliverance of your people, O God. You draw us up out of the depths of distress; you incline your ear as we call on your name. Our souls rest in you and in the promise of Christ's redeeming love. Lay now your hand upon us, and draw us out by your Spirit, that we may sing praises to your name.

*The Hymn 79

"Kind Maker of the World"

*The Prayer of Confession

Your Spirit calls us out of ourselves, O God, and makes Your place within us. We resist. We box ourselves in. We live empty. You claim us for Yourself; we claim to belong to no one but ourselves. Our bodies move and breathe and we believe we are alive; but our spirits die before we are dead. Except Your Spirit enlivens us, we cannot repent and believe. In Your great mercy, forgive us our shallow faith, our timid hope, our feeble witness to Your awesome love in Christ. .

.(time for silent confession). . .

*The Choral Response

"Blessed Jesus"

Covenant Choir

*The Assurance of Pardon

*The Gloria Patri

p. 579 in the Hymnal

*The Peace and Greeting

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you!**

(Please exchange this ancient greeting with worshippers seated near you.

Please stand to greet one another in the name of Christ.)

Minute for Mission

Betty Ellett

TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD. . .

The Prayer for Illumination

The *Old Testament* Lesson: *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

p. 747 in the pew Bible

The *Psalter* Lesson: *Psalms 130*

p. 538 in the pew Bible

The Anthem

"Out of the Depths" from *Requiem*

John Rutter

Brian Smith, Cello

The *Epistle* Lesson: *Romans 8:6-11*

p. 982 in the pew Bible



The Sunday after Easter, April 3, will be Pastor Sharp's farewell reception after each worship service. You will have opportunities to bid her goodbye at that time. A memory/greeting book will be available for you to share your best wishes at the receptions. Contributions are still being received for her parting gift. Make checks payable to The Presbyterian Church with the Associate Pastor gift notation on the memo line.