

AVON LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2010

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING MUSIC

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER – Announcements, Joys & Concerns

PRELUDE *Cantilene Pastorale* Guilmant

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: **Is this not the fast that I choose?**

P: **To loosen the bonds of injustice,**

L: **To share your bread with the hungry,**

P: **To bring the homeless poor into your house,**

L: **When you see the naked to clothe them;**

P: **Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,**

All: **And your healing shall spring up quickly.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Morning Has Broken" No. 469

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND LENTEN RENEWAL

All: **Eternal God, our judge and redeemer; we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments.**

L: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world. By the cross and passion of our Savior, bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

All: **Amen.**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (unison)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me!

ANTHEM *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* Mueller
(Chancel Choir)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 846) Isaiah 40:27-31

L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERVICE OF STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Fugue* Handel

*DOXOLOGY No. 592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Children and Youth leave for Sunday School)

*HYMN "Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace" No. 374

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE; LORD'S PRAYER (using debts and debtors)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON (p. 1150) Matthew 13:1-23

L: ..the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **A Soil for All Seasons** Dr. Bill Lindeman

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" No. 525

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE O Praise the Lord With One Consent Croft

*All who are able may stand

The flowers on the communion table are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Peal Friesner
by Donna and Todd Friesner.

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