

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON EDISTO ISLAND

LENTEN SERVICE – MARCH 4, 2015

Greeting

Leader: Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
People: **Tell of his salvation from day to day.**
Leader: Declare his glory among the nations,
People: **His marvelous works among all the peoples.**
Leader: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
People: **He is to be revered above all gods.**

Opening Prayer

Let us pray:

God of grace and mercy, your will is that everyone be saved and none be lost. You draw us to yourself by prayer and penance. Grant that we may so follow Christ in love that our lives may help others and our weaknesses never hinder them. We make this prayer in his name, Jesus, the Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Hymn # 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

God's Word to Us

Exodus 2:11-25

Bread and Broth: Moses and Vegetable Soup

Responsive Prayer of Confession and Penitence

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',

and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful

offer prayer to you;

at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters

shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me;

you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,

and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

(Psalm 32)

(In unison) **Most holy God, we confess our tendencies to hide from you, for we do not desire understanding but rather cherish independence. We stiffen our necks rather than bow our heads, and hesitate to humble ourselves before anyone. Forgive us. Heal us. Change us. That we may receive and reflect the love of your Son.**

Hear us as we pray silently, that you may draw us close and change us to become like Christ...

(Silence is kept)

Assurance of Pardon

God told the children of Israel: "I will have mercy upon whom I have mercy,

And I will have compassion upon whom I have compassion."

So it depends not on human will or exertion

But on God who shows mercy.

You are forgiven.

You are forgiven.

Benediction and Blessing for the Meal