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Wednesday March 15th, 2023 - Lenten Service

PRELUDES

"222"

arr. by 222

RINGING OF THE BELL LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

* OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#68

* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

From The Evangelical & Heidelberg Catechisms

Leader: What do debtors?

What do we pray for in the fifth petition: Forgive us our debts as we forgive our

ALL:

In the fifth petition we ask GOD for gracious forgiveness of our sins, and for willingness and strength to forgive others.

Leader:

Which is the fifth petition?

ALL:

"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"; that is, be pleased for the sake of CHRIST'S blood, not to impute to us poor sinners, our transgressions, nor that depravity, which always cleaves to us; even as we feel this evidence of thy grace in us, that it is our firm resolution from the heart to forgive our neighbor.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Repsonsive)

from E&R Hymnal Pg 511

Leader:

Bow down Thine ear, O LORD, and hear us for we are poor and needy. Rejoice the soul of THY servants, for THOU art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all that call upon THEE.

All:

We beseech THEE to hear us, Good LORD

Leader:

Almighty and everlasting GOD, who dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, repenting of our sins, may obtain of THEE, the GOD of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through JESUS CHRIST our Lord.

All:

Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Romans 5:8

But GOD shows HIS love for us in that while we were yet sinners CHRIST died for us.

* RESPONSE

"Of How HE Loves You"

vs 2 #170

JESUS to Calvary did go, HIS love for sinners to show. What HE did there brought hope from despair. Oh, how HE loves you; Oh, how HE loves me; Oh, how HE loves you and me.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

OFFERING

* RESPONSE

"HE is Lord"

#277

HE is Lord, HE is Lord! HE is risen from the dead, and HE is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that JESUS CHRIST is Lord.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING FROM THE SACRED SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:12 (p 839)

"GOD of Grace and GOD of Glory" * SERMON HYMN

#115

"The 5th Petition Of Our Lord's Prayer - Forgiveness of Debts and Debtors" MESSAGE

EA Lay Pastor Bill Savering

* CLOSING HYMN

"Turn Your Eyes Upon JESUS" #413

* BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live

in peace, and the GOD of love and peace will be with you.

*POSTLUDES

arr. by ???

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