

**MOUNT AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

**March 9, 2008**

**11:00 AM**

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**PRELUDE**

(The service begins with the Prelude.)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bonnie DeMoranville

**SILENT MEDITATION**

**\*BREAKING OF THE SILENCE CHANT (Congregation is invited to join in the chanting)**

**#87**

"The Glory of these Forty Days"

Jesu Dulcis Memoria

The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, by whom all things were made,  
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw,  
the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah fasting came  
the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lion's might  
and John, the bridegroom's friend, became  
the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant that we like them be true,  
consumed in fast and prayer with You;  
our spirits strengthen with Your grace,  
and give us joy to see Your face.

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

**CONFESSION (Unison)**

Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.  
Hear our prayers,  
the confession of our neglect,  
the admission of our desire to rule in your place.  
Like the house of Israel in Ezekiel's time,  
we believe we are cut off from communion with you.  
We are like dead people,  
going through the motions of living.  
We cry out for forgiveness and a new start.  
We long to know you better and to live in reverence before you.  
By your steadfast love,  
redeem us from our iniquities and raise us up to serve you.  
This we pray.

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**MOMENT WITH YOUNGEST DISCIPLES**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"Matins" (Morning Hours)  
Handbells

Cynthia Dobrinski

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING, SUNG, AND PROCLAIMED**

Ezekiel 37:1-14 pg. 806  
Romans 8:6-11 pg. 157  
John 11:1-45 pg. 104

**ANTHEMS**

"Lamentations"

Z. Randall Stroope

Translation:  
O you people  
who pass this way,  
look and see  
if there exist any sorrow  
like unto my sorrow  
Remember Lord and notice  
our humiliation and disgrace!

"Swingin' Dry Bones"

Trad. Spiritual  
arr. by Ed Wells

**SERMON**

"From Exile to Exhilaration"

The Rev. Susan Quinn Bryan

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)**

**We believe in a power beyond our imagination  
that designed and put into force all the laws that govern the universe.  
Laws that sometimes differ from our meager attempts to understand or accept them.  
We believe in a power that loves every part of creation.  
A love that treats every wonderful, minute aspect of creation in the same way,  
because of its unique place and contribution to the whole.  
We believe in a power so secure in its own being  
that it can allow each of us  
the complete freedom to live and make plans and decisions.  
Plans that may not always accord with the original design.  
Decisions that may bring destruction and pain  
as well as growth and joy.**

**\*HYMN #240**

"Out of the Depths (Psalm 130)"

Aus Tiefer not

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please sign the welcome register and pass it to your neighbor. Announcements are given by the liturgist. Those not printed in the bulletin must be handed to the liturgist before the service begins.*

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

"Aus tiefer Not" (Out of the depths, I cry to thee)

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**\*DOXOLOGY (Unison)**

O God, may we who bear your name  
by gentle love your grace proclaim,  
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare  
and your anointing Spirit share.

**\*DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #302**

"Lord of the Dance"

Simple Gifts

**\*CHARGE**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE**

We are marching in the Light of God  
We are singing in the Light of God  
We are dancing in the Light of God  
We are loving in the Light of God

South African

**POSTLUDE**

"Fugue in A Major"

Bach

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*We welcome and encourage children of all ages to worship with us. Children's bulletins and cloth worship bags, with activities children might enjoy, are available in the foyer. Ask the Deacon ushering for assistance.*

*Nursery care is available in the Education Wing from 9:45 through worship or until 12:30 as needed. The nursery cares for newborns, infants, and toddlers, three years of age or younger.*

*Everyone is welcome to worship with us here at Mt. Auburn. A special welcome is extended to students from the University, the Conservatory of Music, and the hospitals. You are most cordially invited to regard Mt. Auburn as your church home during your period of study here.*