

**The Downtown Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship for August 30, 2020**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Opening Voluntary**

Trumpet Voluntary  
William Taylor, organ

John Travers

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"  
Amy Finka, cantor

**Prayer of Confession**

led by Mary Louise McCullough

Today's confession is the *Ashamnu*, one of Judaism's traditional Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) prayers.

In Hebrew it is an alphabetic acrostic with each "We have..." petition beginning with a successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet.

*Our God and God of our ancestors, let our prayer come before you  
and do not ignore our supplication.*

*For we are not so brazen-faced and stiff-necked to say to you,*

*Adonai our God, and God of our ancestors, "We are righteous and have not sinned."*

*But, indeed, we and our fathers have sinned.*

*We have trespassed;*

*We have betrayed;*

*We have stolen;*

*We have slandered.*

*We have caused others to sin;*

*We have caused others to commit sins for which they are called wicked;*

*We have sinned with malicious intent;*

*We have forcibly taken others' possessions even though we paid for them;*

*We have added falsehood upon falsehood;*

*We have joined with evil individuals or groups;*

*We have given harmful advice;*

*We have deceived;*

*We have mocked;*

*We have rebelled against God and God's Torah;*

*We have caused God to be angry with us;*

*We have turned away from God's Torah;*

*We have sinned deliberately;*

*We have been negligent in our performance of the commandments;*

*We have caused our friends grief;*

*We have been stiff-necked;*

*We have committed sins for which we are called wicked;*

*We have committed sins which are the result of moral corruption;*

*We have committed sins which the Torah refers to as abominations;*

*We have gone astray;*

*We have led others astray.*

*(Silent prayer)*

## **Assurance of God's Grace**

*May the peace of Christ be with you.*

***And also with you.***

## **Announcements**

## **Children's Message**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Scripture Reading**

Exodus 12:1-14

read by Stephanie Coleman

*The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month will be the first month; it will be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole Israelite community: On the tenth day of this month they must take a lamb for each household, a lamb per house. If a household is too small for a lamb, it should share one with a neighbor nearby. You should divide the lamb in proportion to the number of people who will be eating it. Your lamb should be a flawless year-old male. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You should keep close watch over it until the fourteenth day of this month. At twilight on that day, the whole assembled Israelite community should slaughter their lambs. They should take some of the blood and smear it on the two doorposts and on the beam over the door of the houses in which they are eating. That same night they should eat the meat roasted over the fire. They should eat it along with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Don't eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over fire with its head, legs, and internal organs. Don't let any of it remain until morning, and burn any of it left over in the morning. This is how you should eat it. You should be dressed, with your sandals on your feet and your walking stick in your hand. You should eat the meal in a hurry. It is the Passover of the Lord. I'll pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I'll strike down every oldest child in the land of Egypt, both humans and animals. I'll impose judgments on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be your sign on the houses where you live. Whenever I see the blood, I'll pass over you. No plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.*

*"This day will be a day of remembering for you. You will observe it as a festival to the Lord. You will observe it in every generation as a regulation for all time."*

## **Sermon**

Rev. Mike Wilson

## **Hymn**

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

Amy Finka, cantor

## **Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

(using the bread and beverage of your choice)

## **Hymn**

"Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing"

Amy Finka, cantor

## **Charge and Benediction**

## **Closing Voluntary**

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

# Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

1 Breth-ren, we have met to wor-ship and a - dore the Lord our God.  
2 Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo-ses' sis-ter aid - ed him.  
3 Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?  
4 Let us love our God su - preme-ly; let us love each oth - er, too.

Will you pray with all your pow - er while we try to preach the word?  
Will you help the trem-bling mourn-ers who are strug-gling hard with sin?  
Is there here a weep-ing Mar - y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?  
Let us love and pray for sin - ners till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the ho - ly One comes down.  
Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.  
Breth-ren, join your cries to help them; sis-ters, let your prayers a - bound!  
Christ will call us home to heav - en; at his ta - ble we'll sit down.

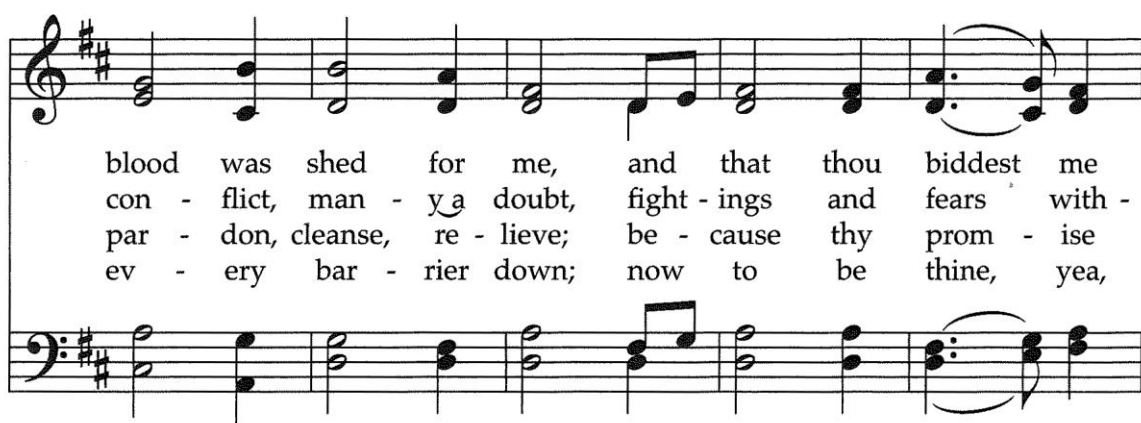
Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.  
Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show-ered all a-round.  
Pray, O pray, that ho - ly man - na will be scat-tered all a-round.  
Christ will gird him-self and serve us with sweet man-na all a-round.

This hymn comes out of the early 19th-century southern camp meeting experience, where believers were invited to pray for new converts, often likened to biblical characters such as Paul's jailer (Philippians 1:12-13). As its name shows, the five-note tune was created for this text.

# Just as I Am, without One Plea



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,  
4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me  
con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -  
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise  
ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,



come to thee,  
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!  
I be - lieve, thine a - lone,

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

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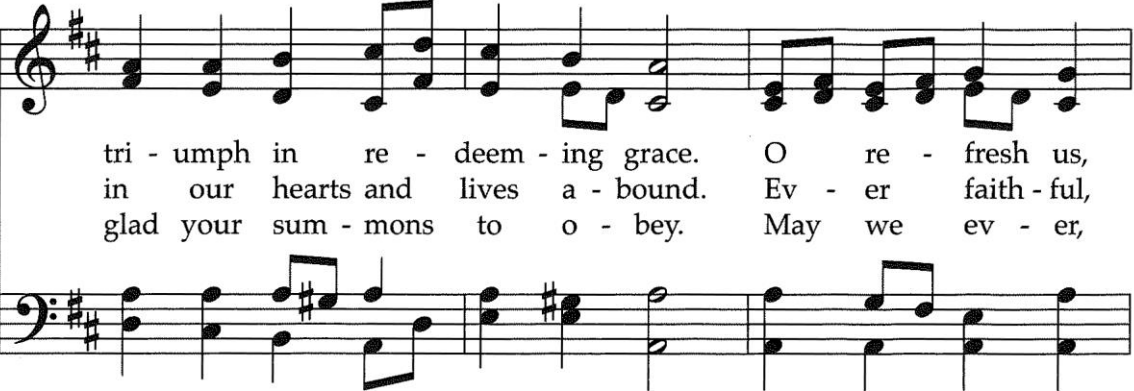
# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.