The Downtown Presbyterian Church Order of Worship for February 21, 2021 First Sunday of Lent

Opening Voluntary Chorale Prelude on *Herzliebster Jesu* Johannes Brahms

Melody for hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Welcome David Maddox

Church Life Announcements

Opening Responsive Reading – Selected Verses from Lamentations led by Denny Harris

See, O Lord, for I am in distress

My spirit is greatly troubled

My soul has been rejected from peace

I have forgotten happiness

My eyes fail because of tears

My spirit is greatly troubled

The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never cease

For God's compassions never fail

Sharing of Resolution in Memory of Heidi Hall read by Samera Zavaro

Hymn "Rejoice in God's Saints" Amy Finka, cantor

Invocation John Booth

Children's Message Suzie Lane

Responsive Reading of Psalm 23 (ESV)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Time of Remembrance and Reflection

read by Erin Bell

led by Denny Harris

"Amazing Grace"
Amy Finka, soprano

Edwin Excell, arr.

Prayer of Reflection

A Responsive Reading from the Hebrew Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8(KJV)

led by Erin Bell

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal;

A time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh;

A time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose;

A time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew;

A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate;

A time of war, and a time of peace.

New Testament Reading Revelations 21:3-4

Sermon "Turn, Turn, Turn" John Booth, USAF Chaplain (Retired)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn "O for a World"

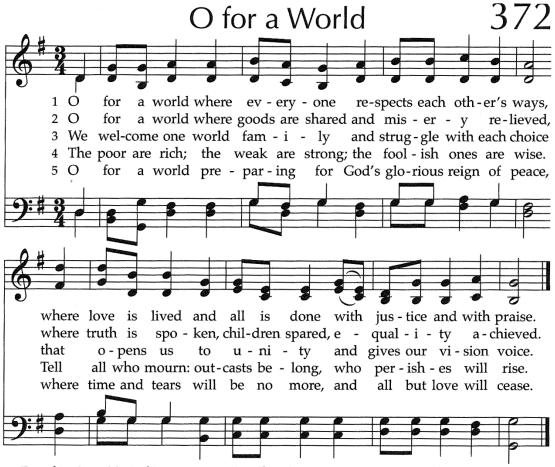
Amy Finka, cantor

Charge and Benediction John Booth

Closing Voluntary

Chorale Prelude on *O Wie Selig Seid Ihr doch, Ihr Frommen* Johannes Brahms

Translation: O How Blessed, Faithful Spirits, Are You



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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