

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

Opening Voluntary	Chorale Prelude on <i>Herzliebster Jesu</i> Melody for hymn "Ah, Holy Jesus"	Johannes Brahms
Welcome		David Maddox
Church Life Announcements		
Opening Responsive Reading – <i>Selected Verses from Lamentations</i>		led by Denny Harris
See, O Lord, for I am in distress <i>My spirit is greatly troubled</i> My soul has been rejected from peace <i>I have forgotten happiness</i> My eyes fail because of tears <i>My spirit is greatly troubled</i> The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never cease <i>For God's compassions never fail</i>		
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)		led by Denny Harris
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. <i>He makes me lie down in green pastures.</i> He leads me beside still waters. <i>He restores my soul.</i> He leads me in paths of righteousness <i>for his name's sake.</i> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, <i>I will fear no evil, for you are with me;</i> your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <i>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;</i> you anoint my head with oil; <i>my cup overflows.</i> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, <i>and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.</i>		
Time of Remembrance and Reflection		read by Erin Bell

Reflection in Song

“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*
Translation: O How Blessed, Faithful Spirits, Are You

Johannes Brahms

O for a World

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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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MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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