

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2022

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

Gathering in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Have Mercy On Us, Living Lord

Hal H. Hopson

Have mercy on us, living Lord, remember not our sin.
According to Your steadfast love come, cleanse us deep
within.

Our sin and guilt are heavy, Lord, and evil in Your sight.
Against You only have we sinned; Your judgment, Lord, is
right.

We're born into a guilty world and sinful in our ways.
Lord, teach us wisdom in our hearts and lead us all our days.

So come and purify our lives, our hearts with love redeem.
Restore us to Your life-filled ways. Come, Lord, and make us
clean.

Fred R. Anderson

(Please meditate quietly during the Opening Voluntary.)

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: “Even now, declares the Lord,
return to me with all your heart.”

P: Roll up your sleeves.

L: Let down your guard.

P: Come in from the storm.

L: Make yourself at home.

Pull up to the table.

Take a deep breath.

Return to God

with all your heart.

P: May it be so.

*HYMN #87 “The Glory of These Forty Days”

CALL TO CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Lent can sometimes get a negative reputation. It’s viewed as the season in our faith when we give things up, we prepare for the worst. However, I cannot help but imagine that God wants more for us than just six weeks of discipline or six weeks without chocolate. I cannot help but imagine that God wants a life for us so expansive that faith, joy, and hope flow over the edges. So let us confess, not because we have to suffer our way through Lent, but because the truth moves us one step closer to that expansive faith.

Let us pray: Holy God, I confess: I don’t return to you fully.

I share with you the pieces of my life that are convenient.

I put on different hats in different rooms.

I forget that I am called, invited, and loved with all that I am—including my mess, my beauty, my faith, and my doubt.

Forgive me, and give me a heart that longs to return in this moment of silence:

(collective moment of silence)

L: Friend, God sees you. God hears you. God loves you. You are forgiven and claimed with all that you are. Rest in that good news.

P: Thanks be to God, amen.

Encountering the Living Word of God

FIRST READING Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

L: The Word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

MEDITATION “With All That You Are”

Responding to God’s Word & Call

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

*Hymn #370 “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

Invitations & Announcements

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- Place your offering in one of our designated offering locations.
- Use our mobile app by texting “dpchurch” to 73256.
- Visit www.dpchurch.com and click "Online and Mobile Giving".

Imposition of Ashes

Chorus During Imposition of Ashes “Bless The Lord My Soul”

(Please hold conversation until you get to the fellowship hall.)

Prayers by enfleshed, adapted by Rev. Larissa Romero

Music led by: Dr. William Taylor & Tom Ashley

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Hymn 370 Just as I Am, Without One Plea.

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The Glory of These Forty Days

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Gregory the Great (540–604)
 Trans. Maurice F. Bell, 1906

Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543
 Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1725

1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We
 2. A - lone and fast - ing, Mo - ses saw The
 3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De -
 4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all
 lov - ing God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,
 liv - ered from the li - on's might; And John, the Bride - groom's
 sumed in fast and prayer with You; Our spir - its strength-en

things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with Your grace, And give us joy to see Your face.

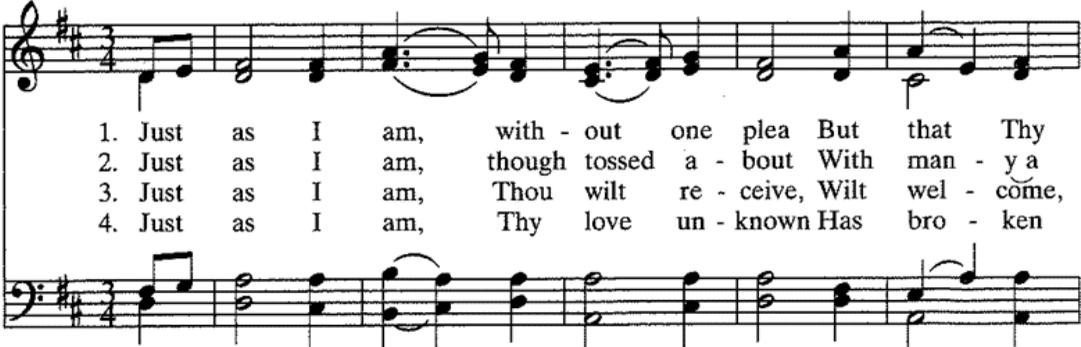
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Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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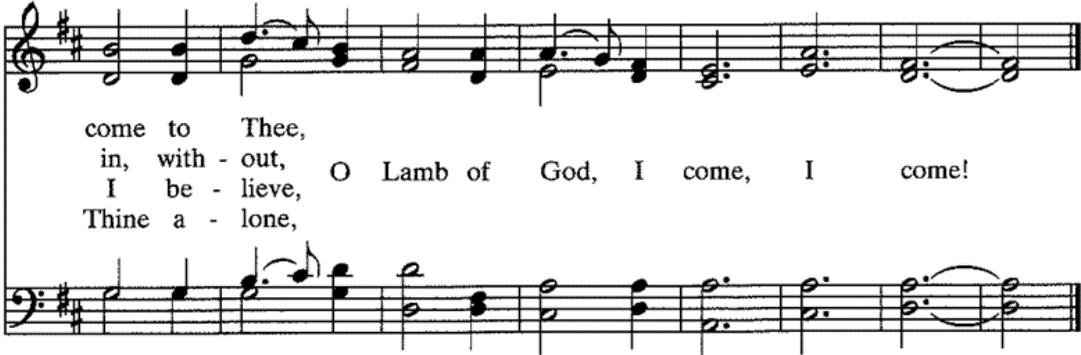
Charlotte Elliott, 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849
Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955


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,
 I be - lieve,
 Thine a - lone,
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

SENDING

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Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef staff, and the bass line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The music concludes with a final chord in the bass clef staff.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The music concludes with a final chord in the bass clef staff.

OUR MISSION

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God.

We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

OUR VALUES AND ETHOS

- Belief in God's love and in Christ's ministry
- The desire to welcome and embrace everyone. No exceptions.
- Service to God, service to our neighbors
- God's gift of creativity

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