

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Fairmont Presbyterian Church nurtures and guides people to live inspired lives.

March 2, 2022
7:00pm
Ash Wednesday

Prelude

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

arr. M. Ham

Call to Worship

Leader: God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

People: God's love endures forever.

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

People: God's love endures forever.

Opening Prayer

Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Restoration

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus;
he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome;
God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

3 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all. (Refrain)

4 Let not conscience make you linger,

nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him. (Refrain)

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: Blessed are you Eternal One our God, sovereign of the world.
People: In ancient days you spoke and created your people.
Leader: Today let your Word and words come alive in us.
People: So that we can live into your story with meaning, purpose, and hope.
Leader: We ask this in the name of Jesus, our teacher. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 51:1-17

Read Responsively

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
People: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
Leader: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
People: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
Leader: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
People: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
Leader: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Leader: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
People: Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Anthem

Teach Me Thy Song, O Lord
Aaron Gouge, bass

by Craig Courtney

Meditation

Where We Begin

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 428

Before I Take the Body of My Lord

Laying Down

1 Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognize the sorry things within:
these I lay down.

2 The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried by my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight:
these I lay down.

3 The narrowness of vision and of mind,

the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word and silence meant to hurt:
these I lay down.

4 Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine,
that every contradiction of Christ's peace
might be laid down.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine
which you lay down.

***Confession of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)**

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Litany of Penitence

Leader: Let us pray.

People: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have lost ourselves in sin, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have lost ourselves in our fears.

People: Have mercy on us, O God.

Leader: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience
in our lives,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our exploitation of other people,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our anger at our own frustration and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People: we confess to you, O God.

Leader: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: accept our repentance, O God.

Leader: Accept us as we are O God, confused, anxious, lonely, and far from you. On our own, we cannot overcome our separation from you. So, we turn to you, our redeemer.

People: Accept us, O God, for your mercy is great. Amen.

Imposition of Ashes

*We invite you to mark the sign of the cross on your forehead or hand in ashes or dust.
Remember that you are dust, and to the dust you shall return. Genesis 3:19*

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: It is right to give thanks to the Lord our God . . . Great is the mystery of our faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Prayers of the People (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

All are invited to come forward to receive the elements by intinction (receive a piece of bread and dip it into the chalice). If you cannot come forward, elders will bring the elements to you.

Prayer after Communion

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Closing Prayer

Leader: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

People: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

Leader: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

People: bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection. Amen.

Charge and Benediction

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CONFESSION

415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

All or Leader

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in 4/4 time. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,
2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

The differing voices of this text indicate that its parts were not created together. The stanzas are cast in the voice of a preacher or exhorter, but the refrain (added later) takes the voice of a penitent heeding that call in language like that of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18).

TEXT: Stanzas, Joseph Hart, 1759, alt.; refrain, anon.
MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

RESTORATION
8.7.8.7 with refrain

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sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

Refrain
All

full of pit - y, love, and power.
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and
 you will nev - er come at all.
 is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

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428 Before I Take the Body of My Lord



1 Be - fore I take the bod - y of my Lord, be - fore I
 2 The words of hope I of - ten failed to give, the prayers of
 3 The nar - row - ness of vi - sion and of mind, the need for
 4 Of those a - round in whom I meet my Lord, I ask their
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, com - pan - ion at this feast, I emp - ty



share his life in bread and wine, I rec - og - nize the
 kind - ness bur - ied by my pride, the signs of care I
 oth - er folk to serve my will, and ev - ery word and
 par - don and I grant them mine, that ev - ery con - tra -
 now my heart and stretch my hands, and ask to meet you



sor - ry things with - in: these I lay down.
 ar - gued out of sight: these I lay down.
 si - lence meant to hurt: these I lay down.
 dic - tion of Christ's peace might be laid down.
 here in bread and wine which you lay down.

As this text acknowledges, the sins that separate us from God and from each other can be both things done and things left undone, as well as attitudes and habits that keep us from living in harmony. Letting go of our self-sufficiency enables us to receive Christ's gracious gifts.

What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my
 crown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

