

# TUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP



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February 22, 2023

4:00 p.m.

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## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

*Welcome to Tustin Presbyterian Church.  
We begin our Lenten Journey in a spirit  
of penitence and humility.*

The livestream for this service can be accessed from our main YouTube page: <http://bit.ly/TPC-YouTube-Page> The livestream will begin several minutes before the service begins. Feel free to tune in whenever you are ready. If you prefer to view the service later, the video will be available soon after the service has concluded.

## **GATHERING**

### **PRELUDE**

Janet Keulen Thorson

### **SERVICE INTRODUCTION**

A moment to set the tone of the service.

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. Steve Ranney

L: Let us look for God.

P: *(In silence let your mind wander, looking at the majesty of God that is displayed around and in us.)*

L: Let us look for Jesus.

P: *(In silence let your mind wander, looking at the changes Christ has made in your life.)*

L: Let us look for the Holy Spirit.

P: *(In silence open your mind to the nudging of the Holy Spirit, listening for things you need to change.)*

L: Having prepared our hearts, let us open them to God.

**\* HYMN**

No. 442

**Just as I Am, without One Plea**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Just as I Am, without One Plea'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with four verses of text. The first verse is '1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy', the second is '2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya', the third is '3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,', and the fourth is '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,

**SCRIPTURE READING**

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**Romans 8:1-17**

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according

to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

<sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. <sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

<sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

## **READING**

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## **Precious Lord**

## INVITATION TO CONFESSION AND LENTEN DISCIPLINE

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Lord,  
as we begin this season of preparing ourselves  
to remember your suffering, death, and resurrection,  
we must confess that we fail miserably  
in our attempt to live as you want us to.  
We fail to admit that we are weak  
and need your strength.  
We refuse to carry each other's burdens  
because of the pain it might cause.  
We crave power, riches and pleasure,  
instead of righteousness.  
We seek praise from the world,  
rather than from You.  
We are quick to call for vengeance,  
rather than showing mercy.  
We deny our faith in you,  
rather than face ridicule from those around us.  
Because we live this way,  
our hearts have become covered with impurities  
which causes us to hide from your presence.  
Forgive us, Lord  
and purify our hearts  
so that we may see you and live  
so that in your eyes  
we may be truly blessed.  
Amen.*

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

### The Invocation

Out of the ashes, up from the dust,  
we bring our prayers to God, saying,  
***In your steadfast love, O Lord,  
have mercy on us.***

Restore in us, O God, the joy of your salvation;  
renew and sustain our spirits,  
so that we may live according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ, our hope and strength.  
***Amen.***

### The Prayers

#### Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

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***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.***

The people may come forward to receive the sign of the ashes.

## Prayer

*God of compassion,  
you reconciled us to yourself.  
Following his example  
of prayer and fasting,  
may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

### \* CLOSING HYMN

Hymn No. 834

### Precious Lord, Take My Hand

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me  
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the  
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
 fall; take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

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PRECIOUS LORD

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## \* BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Janet Keulen Thorson

*All quietly depart.*

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