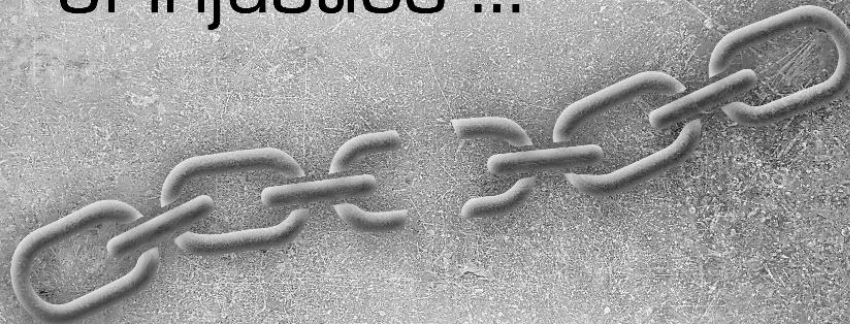


Is not this the fast
that I choose:
to loose the bonds
of injustice ...



and to break
every yoke?

ISAIAH 58:6, NRSV

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*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name” Arr. Bennett/Berry
Organ-Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Joel 2*) Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Leader: Blow the trumpet in Zion;
sound the alarm on my holy mountain!

People: Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near.

Leader: Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,

People: With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.

Leader: Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,

People: Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

Leader: Between the vestibule and the altar
let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.

People: Let them say, “Spare your people, O Lord,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.

*Hymn # 354

“Just As I Am”

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, how quickly we defend ourselves. Our minds are full of excuses, justification, and denial. The sense of threat distances us from one another and hardens our hearts. Humble us. Hold us. Heal us. Forgive us, O God, our creator and sustainer. Our hope and restoration depend on you alone.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Imposition of Ashes

(As worshippers come forward to receive the imposition of ashes – those in the pew will read Psalm 51 aloud.)

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Anthem

“In Remembrance”

By Buryl Red

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director, Betsy Holby - flute

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn # 408

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("*...debts...and debtors...*")

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please come forward to receive the sacrament)

(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 486 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*(*All who are able, please stand)*

This Evening we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

Our Worship Assistants for the evening service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Projector, Sound & Streaming, Olivia and Kristi Eckenroad; Ushers, Jim and Chris Antis.

Lenten Devotional Booklets are available at the back of the sanctuary for anyone wishing to take one. The booklets include a Daily Lenten Reflection for each day beginning today and concluding on Easter Day.

Our Offering received this evening will be used in replenishing our Deacon Food Pantry Outreach.



Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 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.
- 5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16 For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- 17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Just As I Am

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Db Ab Ab7 Db

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea
 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout
 4 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,

Ab Ab7 Gb Db

but that thy blood was shed for me,
 to rid my soul of one dark blot,
 with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
 wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;

Db F Gb

and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,
 fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,

Db Ab Db

O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!
 O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

G G/D D7 Am G G/B C

1 I am thine, O Lord—I have heard thy voice, and it told thy
 2 Con - se - crate me now to thy serv - ice, Lord, by the power of
 3 O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be - fore thy
 4 There are depths of love that I can - not know till I cross the

G G/D D7 Am G

love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith
 grace di - vine; let my soul look up with a stead - fast hope
 throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer and with thee, my God,
 nar - row sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach

C Am D7 G Refrain C G

and be clos - er drawn to thee.
 and my will be lost in thine. Draw me near - er, near - er, bless - ed Lord,
 I com - mune as friend with friend. till I rest in peace with thee.

G/B C G/B D7 A G D G

to the cross where thou hast died; draw me near - er, near - er,

C G/D Bm/D D7 G

near - er, bless - ed Lord, to thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

486 Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

E \flat E \flat E \flat $\frac{A\mathbb{b}}{E\mathbb{b}}$ E \flat
 $\frac{B\mathbb{b}}{E\mathbb{b}}$ E \flat B \flat 7
 $\frac{Gm6}{B\mathbb{b}}$ B \flat 7

1 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the
 2 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Search me and
 3 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Wound-ed and
 4 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Hold o'er my

$\frac{Gm}{B\mathbb{b}}$ B \flat 7
 $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$ B \flat E \flat
E \flat E \flat $\frac{A\mathbb{b}}{E\mathbb{b}}$ E \flat E \flat 7

Pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me aft - er thy
 try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Whit - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
 wea - ry, help me, I pray! Pow - er— all pow - er— sure - ly is
 be - ing ab - so - lute sway! Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall

A \mathbb{b}
A \mathbb{b} (\sharp) A \mathbb{b} $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$
B \flat 7 $\frac{E\mathbb{b}}{B\mathbb{b}}$ B \flat 7 E \flat

will, while I am wait - ing yield - ed and still.
 now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
 see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

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