

Leading Worship This Evening

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Presbyterian Church

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Presbyterian Church



Joint Congregational Service

**United Presbyterian Church
& Pioneer Parish**

Ash Wednesday Service

March 17th, 2022

6:30 p.m.

* Please rise in body or spirit

**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

**Alex Sandor
Rev. Brett M Foote**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Joel 2:1, 12-16)

Leslie Anderson, CRE

One: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a feast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people.

All: Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged and the young, men and women, all who rejoice and all who grieve.

One: “Even now,” says the Holy One, “return to me with weeping and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your garments.”

All: We will return to the Holy One, our God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***INTROIT I Love You, Lord #627**

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 51 (Abridged)

Laura Foote

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

All: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.

One: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

All: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

One: 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.

All: For you have no delight in sacrifice; if we were to give a burnt-offering, you would not be pleased.

One: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;

All: A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**AN INVITATION TO THE LENTEN DISCIPLINE
INCLUDING A TIME FOR SILENCE, CONFESSION AND
PERSONAL REFLECTION**

(You are invited to take this time for your own reflection—what hinders your relationship with God? What obstacles keep you from being the person God calls you to be? What are those things you could fast from or take on in this season that would fundamentally change you or your neighbor’s physical and spiritual life?)

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(All who would like to receive the imposition of ashes may come forward up the center aisle in two lines to receive the ashes or a blessing. You may receive your ashes on the hand by outstretching it. You may receive only the words by crossing your arms in front of yourself.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But when we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Witness and believe the good news of the gospel: Because of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection...

All: We are all forgiven, Amen.

***HYMN Your Only Son #518**

SCRIPTURE READINGS Rev. Brett Foote

New Testament Reading Luke 6:27-42

HOMILY "Letting Anger Fester"
Leslie Anderson, CRE

***HYMN When Peace Like a River #840**

Offering - Rev. Brett Foote (Tonight's combined offering will go to a local mission in Superior. Return to your seat by the side aisle.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Leslie Anderson, CRE
(Please respond to each petition with the words, "Holy God, hear our prayer.")

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

***CLOSING HYMN Lord, Who Throughout These
Forty Days #166**

***BENEDICTION Leslie Anderson, CRE**

***POSTLUDE**

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

‘If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.’

He also told them a parable: ‘Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, “Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye”, when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour’s eye.

I Love You, Lord

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I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to

wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take

joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a

sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

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Your Only Son

Lamb of God

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
2 Your gift of love, we cru - ci - fied; we laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned him as he died; the hum - ble King we named a
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

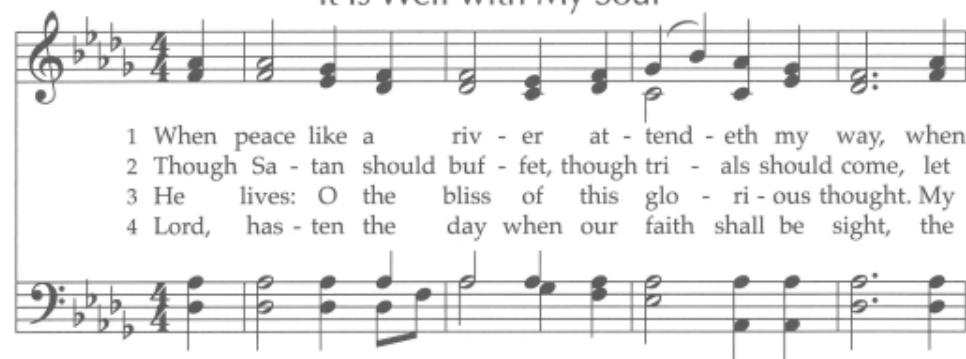
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the

ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious

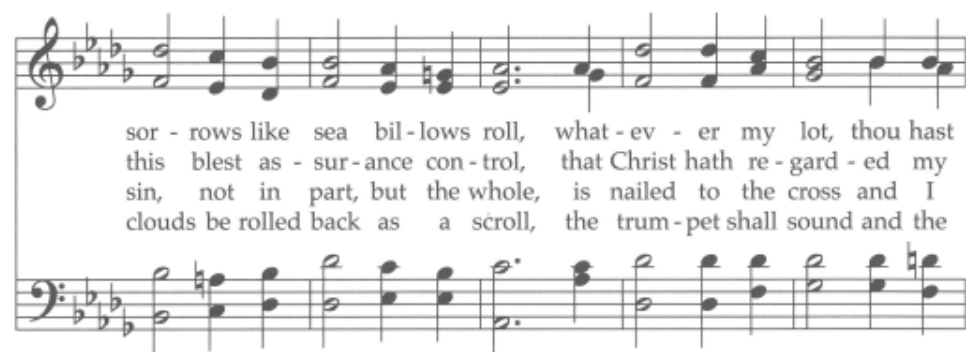
blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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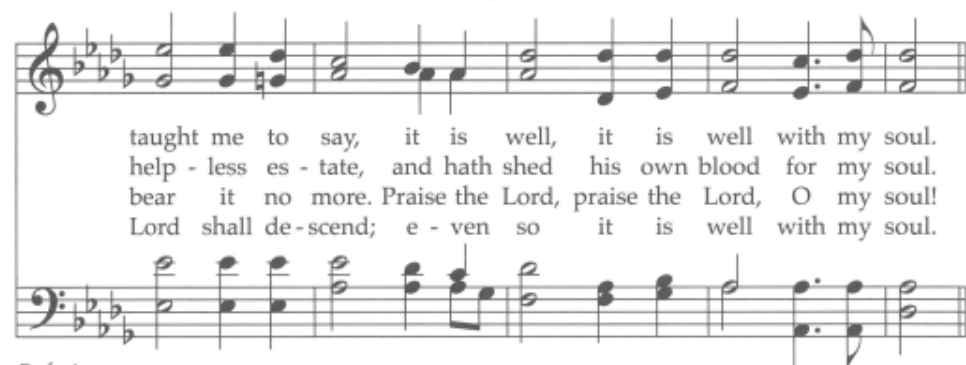
It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives: O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought. My
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

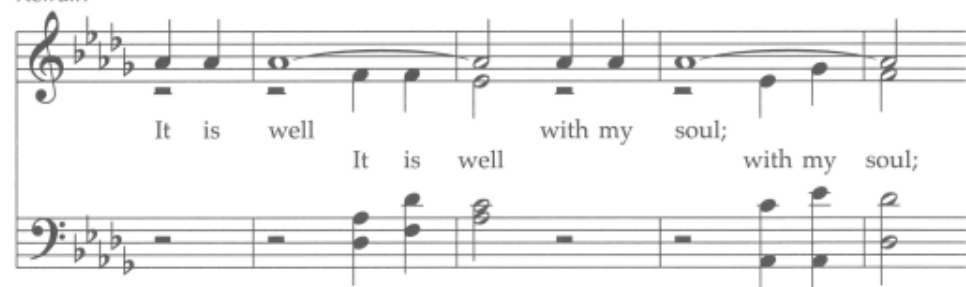


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

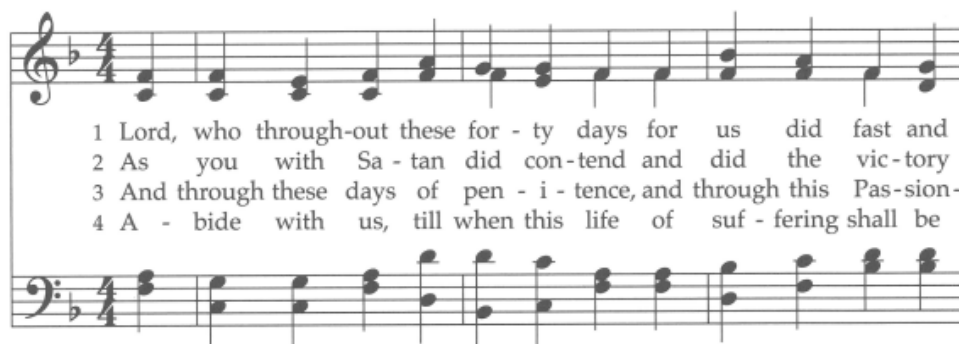


It is well with my soul;
 It is well with my soul;

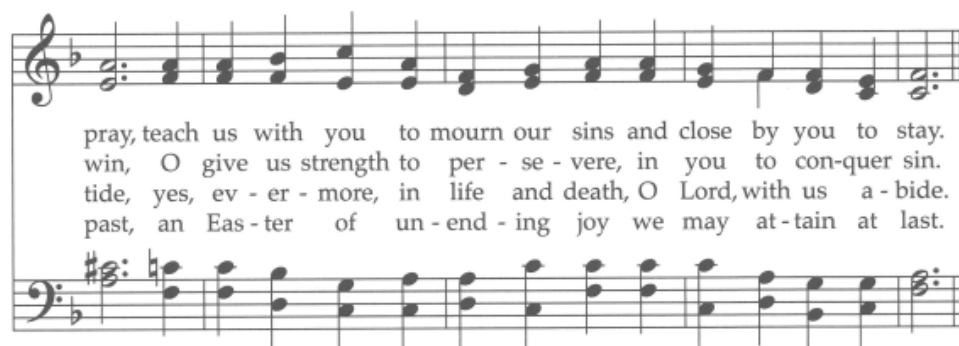


it is well; it is well with my soul.

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 166



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas - sion -
 4 A - bid with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be



pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con - quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.