

***Ebensburg Presbyterian Church***  
***2nd Sunday in Lent***  
***February 28, 2021***

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## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN: Come Now is the Time to Worship (see insert)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

We have entered the season of Lent,  
a time to examine our hearts and our lives,  
**and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.**  
Let us lift up our souls to our merciful God,  
**and humble ourselves in God's service.**  
God has marked us as beloved dust,  
**And called us together to worship.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (in unison)

**In the season of Lent, O God, we say lofty words about renewing our spiritual disciplines, journeying with you to the cross, or denying ourselves material wants for the good of the soul. Forgive us, O God, if our actions are in vain: if we are concerned with the good of the soul rather than the good of your people; if we have twisted this season of penitence into a reason for praise or judgment; if we are so preoccupied with the sins of the world that we cannot recognize and confess the sins of our own lives. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again. Amen**  
[silent confession]

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsively)      2 Cor. 5:17

Anyone who is in Christ Jesus, becomes a creation has come: The old self is gone, and the new self begins!  
Friends now is the day of salvation!  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

\*GLORIA PATRIA

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST: (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

(Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.)

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: (in unison)

**Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Reading:           Numbers 28:16-28           Page 129

Second Reading:       John 6:32-35               Page 869

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Pictures of Jesus in the OT Feasts—UNLEAVENED BREAD

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (in unison)—Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.09.

**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again, it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.**

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal God, in Christ Jesus you accepted our limitations, and we are grateful that you are always a present strength in times of needs and despair. We thank you for the promises achieved in your Son Jesus Christ. We thank you for the transformation and transfiguration that lies beyond the days of human frailty and suffering. Your gracious love has outshined our humiliation, and you encouraged us to draw near to you and call you our Father and our Lord the Most-High God.

Lord, our God, reassure us of your presence when we are in the wilderness of our despair. In times of indecision, save us from opting for power rather than service. Make us more like your Son Jesus Christ, who is eager to serve others than to be served. Help us to reach out to those in need and share your love and kindness as you too have loved us. We lift our friends near and afar. Lord, open the gates of heaven and pour on everyone the blessings of your home that all will see your miraculous love for them.

Feed us with the nutritious unleavened Bread of your presence, strength, comfort, and tranquility. That in these forty days of Lent, we are able to get rid of the yeast of indignation, resentment, and are able to draw near to you in Fasting and prayer for renewal and restoration.

Now we pray, Lord, as Jesus Christ taught us to pray,

**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

\*BLESSING AND CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega,"  
says the Lord God,  
who is and who was and who is to come,  
the Almighty. Amen.

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

**Psalm 25:**

**Prayer for Guidance and for Deliverance**

- <sup>1</sup> To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- <sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.
- <sup>3</sup> Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.
- <sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.
- <sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.
- <sup>6</sup> Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.
- <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
- <sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
- <sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.
- <sup>10</sup> All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

**PRAYER LIST**

If you have any names you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Jim Brown

Len Dixon

John Magyar

Colleen Wagner

Randy Wike

Ashton Dixon

Jamie

Curtis Mellott

Marilyn Westrick

Todd Youngblood

## Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Come, now is the time to worship  
Come, now is the time to give your heart  
Come, just as you are to worship  
Come, just as you are before your God  
Come

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God  
One day ev'ry knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose you now

(Sing three times)

## Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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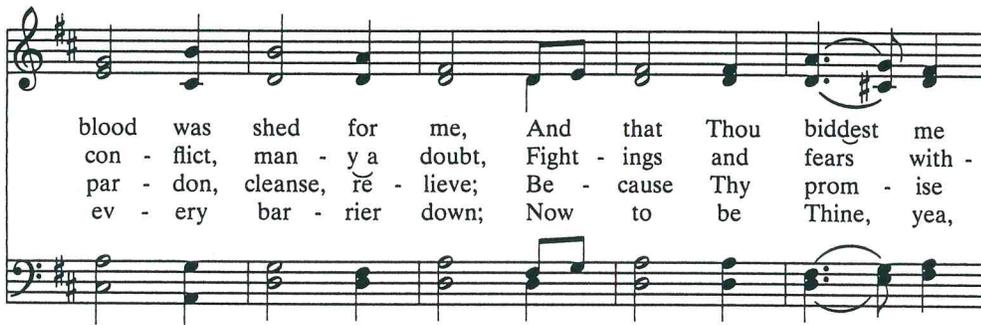
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Charlotte Elliott, 1834

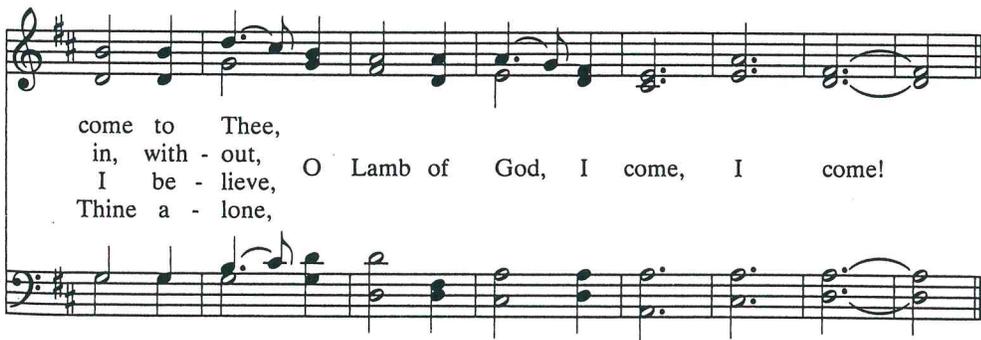
William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849

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