

Welcome to **OUR SAVIOUR'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
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Season of Lent Ash Wednesday Feb. 18, 2026

* *All who are able please stand* L: Leader; P: People
Prelude Acc.: Nicole Burdick

Words of Welcome and Good News.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near.

P: Gather the people to turn to the Holy One who is gracious, merciful, and abounding love.

L: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! The days are bleak and filled with gloom yet rend your hearts and not your clothing.

P: Feast on righteousness and fast from hopeless, apathy, and despair. Even now, God calls us to reflect, repent, and return.

L: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?"

P: Declare the sovereignty of God in word and deed, in compassion and solidarity, in trust and faith! Blow the trumpet! Sound the alarm!

*HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision" R288/Insert

***INVOCATION**

ALL: Holy One, open our hearts, lips, minds, and spirits, and we will declare your praise. We gather in your name and in your presence to worship you, to reorient our lives in your kingdom, and to direct our attention toward you. May your power flow through us as spirit meets spirit. As we reflect upon your goodness and the needs of the world, stir our hearts toward compassion and our lives toward active participation in your realm. Hear our prayers, delight in our songs, and speak through our words. May it be so. Amen.

WITNESS OF FAITH: Isaiah 58:1-12

WITNESS OF FAITH: Psalm 51:1-17

CALL TO CONFESSION

L: Genuine repentance involves two things: the dying-away of the old self and the coming-to-life of the new. The dying-away of the old self is to be genuinely sorry for sin, to hate it more and more, and to run away from it. The coming-to-life of the new self is wholehearted joy in God through Christ and a delight

to do every kind of good as God wants us to. Together, as Christ's body, we now confess our sin and express our longing to live in joyful obedience to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord God, it is hard to think that we will die someday. We dream, make plans, and talk about what we'll do in the near future. We don't always think about what you want. Instead, we make choices that we think are good for us. But we are only here because you take care of us. We confess that we forget we need you all the time. We confess that sometimes we make choices that aren't what you want. We don't know what is best for our lives. Holy God, we are sorry for our sin. Help us to remember we live because of you. Help us to do what you want us to do through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. In Jesus your sin is forgiven.

P: Amen.

Passing of the Peace [Let us bless one another in Christ as we are comfortable.]

WITNESS OF FAITH: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

SPECIAL MUSIC: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

B-Attitudes Quintet

SERMON: "Be Reconciled"

Rev. Mundell

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[Offering options by the sanctuary entrances/social media/mail/office.]

Prayer of Dedication and Blessing

*HYMN: "Just as I Am without one plea"

R285/Insert

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

L: We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, calls us to heartfelt repentance, and urges us to place our hope in God alone.

ALL: Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes remind us of our mortality and penitence and teach us again that only by your gracious gift are we given everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

(All are welcome to participate at their level of comfort receiving both the ashes and communion, one or the other or neither).

***UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

L: As we begin this season of Lent, let us pray for ourselves and for the whole world that all people may come back to God, repenting their sins, and seeking his forgiveness. Let us pray that we may hear God's call this Lent to come back to him, asking his mercy and forgiveness. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: Let us pray that, when we lose confidence in ourselves, in others, and in God, we may be blessed with the gift of faith. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: Let us pray that, when we are tempted to despair, we may find hope. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: Let us pray that, when our hearts are filled with anger and resentment, we may find compassion and love. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

L: As we forgive those who sin against us, let us ask for God's mercy in the words that Jesus taught us:

All: 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.

***BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

L: Jesus Christ, we want always to remember that you love us, died for us, and rose from the dead for us. In the next weeks, help us to remember, and help us trust in you more and more.

P: Amen.

***Postlude**

Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish
Tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

SLANE 10.10.9.10.
Traditional Irish Melody
Harm. by David Evans, 1927

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 May I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

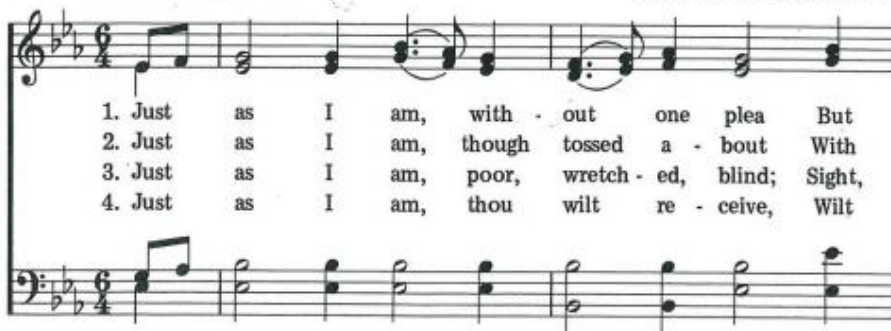
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

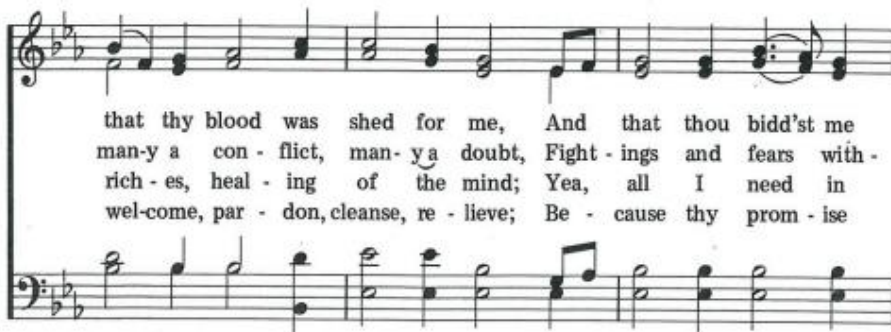
Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Charlotte Elliott, 1836

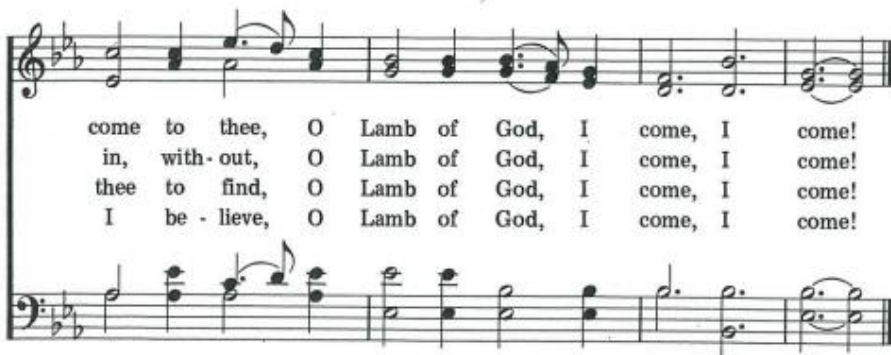
WOODWORTH L.M.
William B. Bradbury, 1849



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With
 3. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight,
 4. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt



that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me
 man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 rich - es, heal - ing of the mind; Yea, all I need in
 wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause thy prom - ise



come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!