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Ash Wednesday
March 2, 2022

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**
Congregational 1633-1636
United Church of Christ
Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...
Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

We're glad you are worshiping with us today! First Church is a vibrant, multi-generational, engaged, urban church. We care a lot about each other and what's happening in the world around us. Wherever you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here.

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Leading Worship

Dan Smith, *Senior Minister*
Lexi Boudreaux, *Transitional Minister*
Kate Layzer, *Minister of Street Outreach*
Jaz Buchanan, *Pastoral Associate*
Sarah Higginbotham, *Director of Creative Worship & Arts*
Jennifer Velazquez, *guest organist*
Kevin Newell, *tech support*

Bulletin Cover Image Freddie Funck, *Youth Group member*

GATHERING

Masks will be lowered by worship leaders when speaking, at their discretion.

INTRODUCTION

Lexi Boudreaux

PRAYER CONCERNS AND INTENTIONS FOR LENT

This is a time for prayerful reflection. You are invited to come forward during the Voluntary, if you wish, to light a candle and name a prayer concern or a personal intention for the season of Lent.

VOLUNTARY

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op. 122, No. 11

Johannes Brahms

GREETING

Dan Smith and Jaz Buchanan

*HYMN (insert)

Give Me a Clean Heart

READINGS AND RESPONSES

ASHES, A SIGN OF CREATION

Sarah Higginbotham

READING

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

SILENCE

**You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" are found in the beginning section of the hymnal. This section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church in Cambridge.*

RESPONSE

from Psalm 8

L: O Lord, Our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!

**All: When I look up at the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you put in place—
I wonder, what are human beings that you think about us?
Mortals that you love us?
You have made us a little less than divine
and crowned us with glory and honor.
O Lord, our God, how wonderful is your name in all the earth!**

ASHES, A SIGN OF MORTALITY

READING

Genesis 3:8-13, 17-19

SILENCE

RESPONSE: HYMN 412

Jesus, I Live to Thee

ASHES, A SIGN OF REPENTANCE

READING

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2

SILENCE

RESPONSE

from Psalm 130

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**All: Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

ASHES, A SIGN OF THE CROSS

READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

SILENCE

RESPONSE: HYMN 183

What Wondrous Love Is This?

THE RITUAL OF ASHES

BLESSING OF THE ASHES

Kate Layzer

THE SIGN OF ASHES

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

You may come forward now to one of our stations. If you prefer to have a blessing and take ashes with you to use on your own, please let us know as you come up. If you have not yet lit a candle with a prayer intention, you may do so on your way back to your pew.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

***BLESSING**

From Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11

L: The Spirit of the Holy One is upon you,
because God has anointed you;
and is sending you to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim a season of God's favor,
to comfort all who mourn—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
gladness instead of sorrow,
a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
And you will be called oaks of righteousness,
the plantings of the Holy One to display God's glory.
You shall build up the ancient devastation, repair the ruined cities,
and heal the despair of many generations.

All: **And I shall greatly rejoice in the Holy One;
for God has clothed me in garments of salvation,
and covered me with a robe of righteousness!
As the earth brings forth its shoots,
so God will cause justice and praise to spring up before all nations!**

***PEACE AND FAREWELL**

L: Go in peace to love and serve our Maker!

All: **Thanks be to God!**

L: Now share with each other a sign of Christ's peace!

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OPENING HYMN

ASH WEDNESDAY

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Give Me a Clean Heart

Margaret J. Douroux, 1970; alt.

Ps. 51:1-12

The musical score is written for a voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics are: 'Give me a clean heart so I may serve you. God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.' The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Give me a clean heart so I may serve you.

God, fix my heart so that I may be used by you.

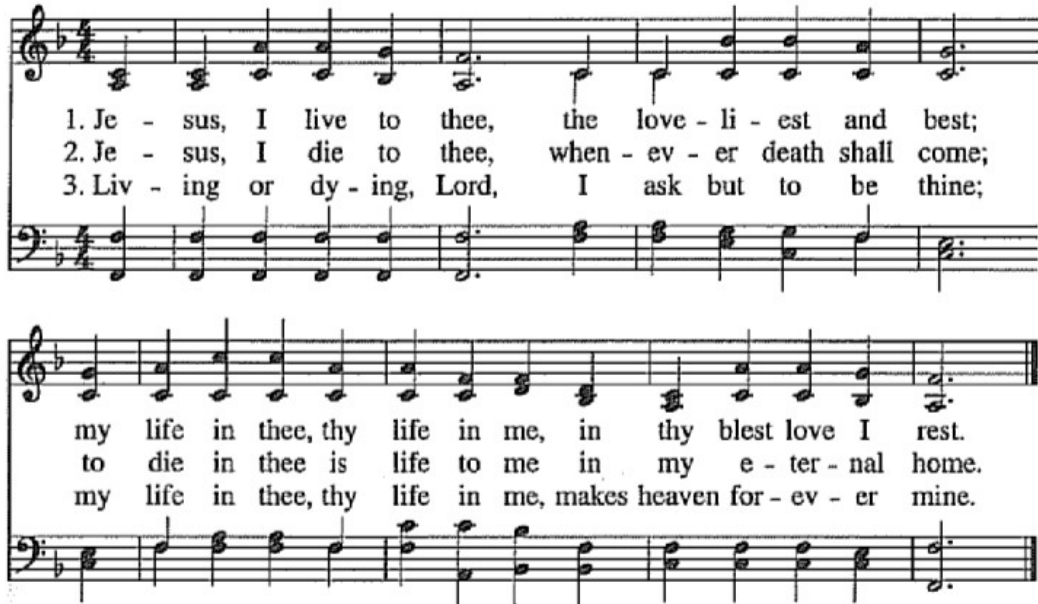
For I'm not worthy of all these blessings.

Give me a clean heart and I'll follow you.

TIME: DOUROUX 10.12.10.10.

Jesus, I Live to Thee

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1. Je - sus, I live to thee, the love - li - est and best;
2. Je - sus, I die to thee, when - ev - er death shall come;
3. Liv - ing or dy - ing, Lord, I ask but to be thine;

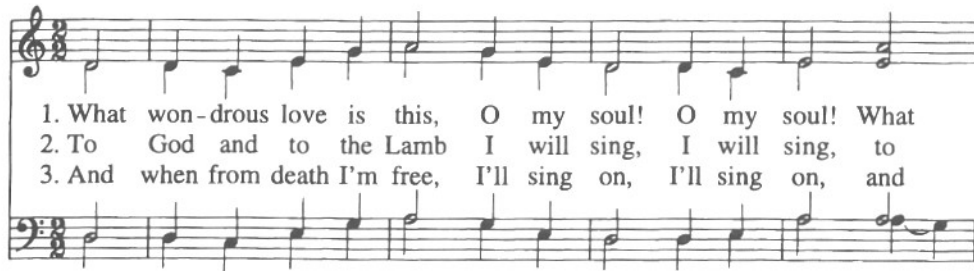
my life in thee, thy life in me, in thy blest love I rest.
to die in thee is life to me in my e - ter - nal home.
my life in thee, thy life in me, makes heaven for - ev - er mine.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the final three lines of the hymn. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

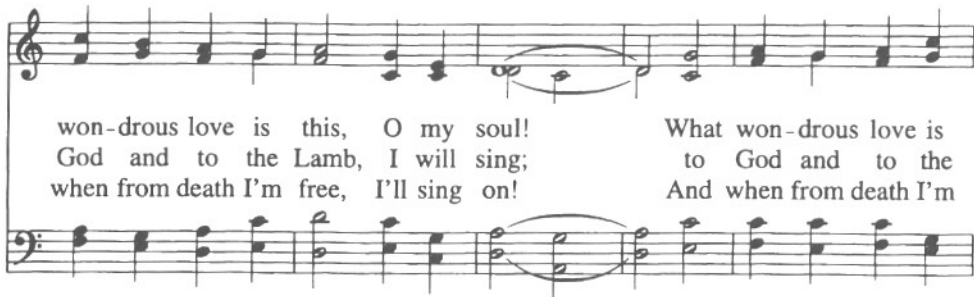
SECOND RESPONSE HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

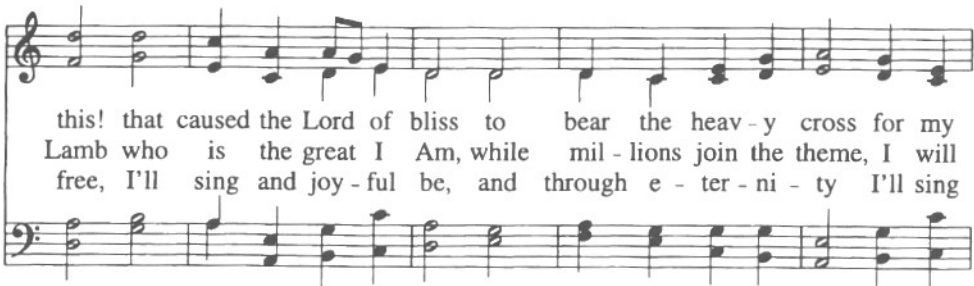
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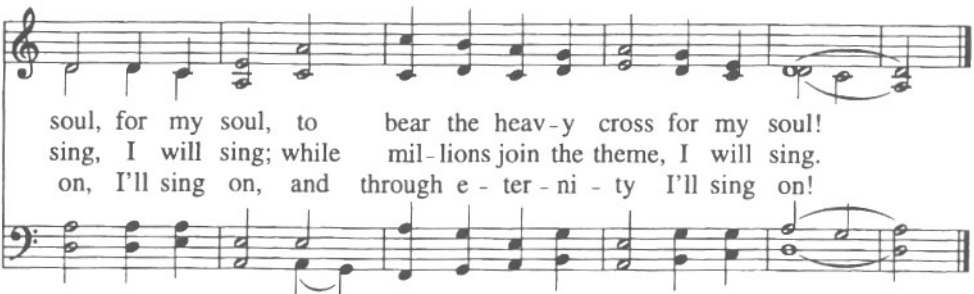
1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my soul! What
 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm



this! that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heav-y cross for my
 Lamb who is the great I Am, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the heav-y cross for my soul!
 sing, I will sing; while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

WORDS: Appalachian folk hymn, Stith Mead's *A General Selection of the Newest and Most
 Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs Now in Use*, 1811, alt.
 MUSIC: Appalachian folk hymn, Walker's *Southern Harmony*, c. 1835; harm. FCC, 1997

WONDROUS LOVE
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CLOSING HYMN

God Be in My Head

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