

# Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

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*Serving Christ in the Heart of Detroit*



Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021 | 7:00 pm

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# Order of Worship for Ash Wednesday

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*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a time of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE      “Nobody Knows the Trouble I Seen/All Day, All Night”      *Mark Hayes*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN No. 294      “Within Our Darkest Night”      *Dans Nos Obscurites*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 2:4-7

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN No. 678      “Our Darkness Is Never Darkness in Your Sight”      *La Tenebre (Taizé)*

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 119:25-32

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MEDITATION      “Ashes and Dirt”      *Rev. Matthew Nickel*

HYMN No. 577      "Lord, Have Mercy"      *Kyrie Eleison*

LITANY OF PENITANCE

A SIGN OF ASHES

HYMN No. 527      “Eat This Bread”      *Berthier (Taizé)*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Let us pray... ..Amen.

***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.***

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

HYMN No. 544 "Bless the Lord"

*Bless the Lord (Taizé)*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

*arr. Bill Wolaver*

***As the postlude concludes worship in the sanctuary,  
you are invited to listen and reflect as you carry your worship into the world.***

### ***Announcements***

**You are welcome here. You belong here:** A special welcome goes to guests and visitors. Our hope is that you feel like you belong, in this faith community.

**The Board of Deacons encourages prayers** for Alice Bancroft, Fred Black, Wanda Black, Donna Burt, Mardi Carruthers, Leslie Chamas, Anna Cherven, Brian Head, Sue Head, Ken Holden, Kathy Horlocker, Priscilla Kelsey, Phillip Kent, Chris Klinger, Lesley Lambright, Anne, Sara, & Ben Maters, Eleanor Mobley, the Raptis family, Johnnie Walker II, Tom Wininger, JAPC military; Capt. Michael Boyle, for people impacted by Covid-19, and those supporting people affected by coronavirus.

**Prayer Requests** – Let your Deacons pray with and for you. You may send your prayer requests to the Deacons using [prayer@japc.org](mailto:prayer@japc.org) or you can also call prayer requests to the church office and Pastor Matt at 313-822-3456.

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**Assisting the congregation this evening are:** Greeters Judy Agle, John Lovegren and Peter McGreevy; Soloist Jonathan Itchon.

**Lenten Book Group** - You are invited to join a Lenten Book Group. Please register for the book group by emailing Margie Uysal in the church office at [margie@japc.org](mailto:margie@japc.org) - we'll send you Zoom details when you've signed up. We'll be reading a book of daily devotions called Lent in Plain Sight. You can purchase your book from The Thoughtful Christian or Amazon. Groups will meet on Mondays at Noon facilitated by Pastor Matt Nickel or Mondays at 7:00 pm facilitated by Jessica Walker-Christy starting on March 1 through March 29. Join us as we make the journey through Lent together.

### **Bible & Brew - Wednesday, March 3**

Waiting for test results may seem like an eternity. Waiting for the birth of a baby feels like an eternity. Watching an elderly parent slowly fade and die through the process of Alzheimer's can redefine our perception of eternity. Yet no matter our earthly definition of eternity, they are all far from God's planned eternity for us.

As we approach Easter, the March 3rd meeting of Bible and Brew will focus on "The Hope in Eternal Life," a human yearning that is both deeply personal and widely shared. For Christians, that hope is confessed regularly. As we declare in the Apostles' Creed, "I believe in . . . the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Likewise, in the Nicene Creed, we and the whole church confess, "We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come."

Zoom Details: To Join the Zoom Meeting click: <http://bit.ly/bibleandbrew> and use the passcode: **jesusloves** OR you can join by phone by dialing: +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago), entering the Meeting ID: 886 7165 4328 and Passcode: 232450919

**Who is God Calling to Faithful Serve?** — The JAPC Nominating Committee seeks to identify members of the church to serve as elders and deacons. Are you or someone you know called to serve? Elders (who serve as the Session) exercise leadership, governance, spiritual discernment and discipline, and have responsibilities for the life and ministries of the church. Deacons should be people who demonstrate spiritual character, model Christian living, share compassion, pray for the church, and show sound judgment. Please prayerfully consider members of the congregation who might humbly serve as spiritual leaders on behalf of the congregation as Elders and Deacons. Please email your nominations (including self-nominations) with name, the role, and reason why you nominate them to [nominations@japc.org](mailto:nominations@japc.org) and please pray for those persons God is preparing to serve the church.

**Sunday Morning Ushers:** Sign up to welcome, greet, and help people find their way before worship. Visit <https://bit.ly/JAPCusherssignup> for details and sign-up.