



To You Lord I Return

Tom Bonezzi

*Inspired by the Suscipe Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola*

*From the dust and the ashes, You called us by name, to You, Lord, I return.*

*Wounded and lost, weighed down in our shame, to You, Lord, I return.*

*Let us pray without ceasing and not count the cost, laying our lives on the cross.*

*In the service of 'other', no longer the same; to You, Lord, I return.*

*All of my heart, my life and soul, to your will and not my own.*

*Take back what You gave, I surrender it all; to You, Lord I return.*

*On the pathway to freedom, fulfillment and grace, to You, Lord, I return.*

*Cure every illness, feel mercy's embrace, to You, Lord, I return.*

*Let us run to the Father, his arms open wide; come home to the love in his eyes.*

*No more darkness or doubt when we look on God's face, to You, Lord, I return.*

*All of my heart, my life and soul, to your will and not my own.*

*Take back what You gave, I surrender it all; to You, Lord I return.*

*For the wisdom and courage to live in the light, to You, Lord I return.*

*Open our eyes with compassionate sight, to You, Lord I return.*

*Let us come to the well, every need will be met; no more are we bound by death.*

*Through the Love on the cross, we are raised to new life, to You, Lord, I return.*

*All of my heart, my life and soul, to Your will and not my own.*

*Take back what You gave, I surrender it all; to You, Lord I return,*

*To You, Lord, I return, to You, Lord, I return.*

**The Asbury Arts Series presents composer Michael Burkhardt**

**conducting Love Unknown: A Festival of Passion Readings and Hymns**

**Sunday afternoon, March 4, 3:00pm**

We are very excited to share with the congregation about our upcoming Lenten concert on March 4. It is rare indeed to have the composer of a concert work appear in our sanctuary to conduct its performance. Michael Burkhardt, whose organ and choral works have been frequently shared in our morning worship services, will be with us the weekend of March 3 and 4. He will rehearse with our choirs, play the organ during our morning service, and then conduct his **Love Unknown** at the Arts Series concert at 3pm on Sunday afternoon.

This work involves our Junior Choir, Readers, Handbell Choir, a Brass Quartet, flute, violin, organ, and timpani, our Chancel Choir, **and you, the congregation**. Burkhardt describes his work as "... a means for God's people to journey with Jesus, from his triumphal entry in Jerusalem to his death on Calvary's cross."

We invite you to plan now to participate with us in this journey through the Passion Story.

-Jan Swanson and Sally Casto

**A WAY FORWARD CONVERSATIONS at ASBURY on THURSDAY, MARCH 8**

Time: 6pm-9pm Sign in, with coffee and light refreshments, begins 30 minutes prior to the start of the conversation. Our time together begins in the sanctuary with worship and framing of the context of the conversations using information from the suggested pre-gathering readings. Participants will then be dismissed to the rooms where their small groups of eight people will meet.

To register for this event and download preparation material go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/conversations-on-a-way-forward-registration-38001533610>

Questions may be addressed to Valerie Stultz – [vstultz704@gmail.com](mailto:vstultz704@gmail.com)

All clergy and laity in the East Ohio Conference are invited, and encouraged, to participate in the local Conversations on a Way Forward.

\*A copy of the suggested preparation materials is available in the church office.