

# SERVICE OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING

September 9, 2020

## Preparation for Worship

**Prelude** *It Is Well with My Soul*

Tony Testino, Piano

**Welcome & Explanation of Service**

Rev. Joy Laughridge

## Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: maker of heaven and earth.**

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

**People: they shall mount up with wings as eagles,**

Leader: they shall run and not be weary,

**People: they shall walk and not faint.**

## Hymn of Praise

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit;  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

## Call to Confession

Leader: Jesus said: Ask and it will be given you; seek, and you will find;  
knock, and it will be opened to you.

**People: For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.**

Leader: Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask, and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

Let us open our lives to God's healing presence, forsaking all that separates us from God and neighbor.

Let us be mindful not only of personal evil but also of our communal sins of family, class, race, and nation.

Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of God's grace.

(Silent prayers of confession may be offered now)

### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Response                      *Jesus Loves Me!*

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong.  
They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

### **Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:20-27

### **Message**

*A Healthy Body*

Rev. Joy Laughridge

### **Special Music**

*In This Very Room*  
Laura Young, Solo

Carol & Ron Harris

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Response

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

### **Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Oil**

Those desiring the laying on of hands and anointing with oil may come forward.

During the time of prayer and anointing, you are invited to pray at home prayers for your own healing and/or the healing of others.

## Hymn

### *Give Thanks*

Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.  
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give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say,  
"We are strong";  
let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"

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"We are strong"; let the poor say,  
"We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!"  
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## Blessing

Rev. Joy Laughridge

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