



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshiping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and goodness, your mercy comes to us in ways that continually surprise us. You offer your love with no strings attached, which is so different from the way we so often act and live. You give grace freely even as we too often place conditions on our acceptance of many people within our communities. We rationalize our exclusion by judging others in ways that suit our prejudices. Forgive us, O God, when we deprive people of the love we owe them as people loved by you. Help us to be moved by Christ's compassion so that we become active and fearless bearers of healing and mercy. Remind us, over and over, that nothing can separate us, or others, from your love in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior. This we pray in his name. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.  
Thanks be to God!

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579

*Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**\* EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

*People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *“The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*

Response - *“And also with you.”*)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

Suzanne Troya

*+ Children leave for their classes. Youth remain in worship.+*

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON** Mark 1:40-45

**SECOND LESSON** 2 Kings 2:1-14

**SERMON** “From Paralysis to Purpose” Rev. Richard S. Hong

**OFFERTORY** If Thou But Trust in Got to Guide Thee *arr. Jody Lindh*  
*The text is found in the Hymnal at No. 282*

**\* THE DOXOLOGY** *Old Hundredth*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host.*

*Creator, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## LITANY FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Leader: Gracious God, your will for all people is health and salvation:

*People: We praise you and thank you, O God.*

Leader: O God, grant your healing grace to all who are sick or injured, that they may be made whole;

*People: Be with us and heal us, O God.*

Leader: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

*People: Be with us and heal us, O God.*

Leader: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

*People: Restore wholeness to whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;*

Leader: Bless all who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom, sympathy and patience;

*People: Grant skill and compassion to doctors, nurses, technicians, aides, and all who are called to practice medical arts, and make strong their dedication to help others;*

Leader: You are the God who does wonders:

*People: You have declared your power among the peoples*

Leader: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together:

**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.**

*During the singing of the Hymns, you are invited to come forward for the anointing of oil for the healing of fears, prejudice, physical or emotional ills for yourself or for others. At that time, if you wish, you may share your prayer concerns with the pastor.*

## Silent Prayer

*As persons come forward for prayer, you are invited to silently pray for their concerns, as we support one another as a community of faith.*

Hymn 380            O Christ, the Healer            *Erhalk Uns, Herr*

Hymn 390            O Savior, in This Quiet Place            *St. Stephen*

Hymn 394            There Is a Balm in Gilead            *Balm in Gilead*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(in unison)*

Most Gracious God, source of all healing, we give thanks to you for all your gifts but most of all for the gift of your Son, through whom you gave and still give health and salvation. As we wait in expectation for the coming of that day when suffering and pain shall be no more, help us by your Holy Spirit to receive your power in our lives and to trust in your eternal love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE SENDING OUT

\* HYMN 307            Fight the Good Fight            *Duke Street*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE            Toccata Giocosa            *William Matthias*

*(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)*

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 1:40-45 (NRSV)

A leper came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, 'If you choose, you can make me clean.' <sup>41</sup>Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I do choose. Be made clean!' <sup>42</sup>Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. <sup>43</sup>After sternly warning him he sent him away at

once, <sup>44</sup>saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' <sup>45</sup>But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but stayed out in the country; and people came to him from every quarter.

## 2 Kings 2:1-14 (NRSV)

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' <sup>10</sup>He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its

horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

<sup>13</sup>He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

<sup>14</sup>He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, ‘Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?’ When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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