

**Order of Worship: Sunday, January 29, 2023**

**8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

**A Service of Healing and Prayer**

**Welcome/Greeting**

Rev. Becky Rokitowski, Associate Pastor

We all need God's healing touch. But how much greater is our need for the Healer than for the healing.  
God is with us—that is all we need.

**Opening Prayer**

*Healing Grace*

Chisum/G. Sadler, arr. J. Holstein

Laura Alexander, Stephany Nystrand, Jacob Alexander

**Call to Worship**

Leader and Congregation

Praise to the Lord in whose presence there is peace and harmony.

**Praise to the Lord in whose presence there is love and acceptance.**

Praise to the Lord in whose presence there is healing and wholeness.

Let us draw near now to worship our Lord.

**Opening Hymn**

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

TFWS 2128

**Passing of the Peace**

**Children's Chat**

Noisy Offering for UM Children's Home

Rev. Rokitowski

**Offering Prayer**

Rev. Scriven

**Offertory** (11:00)

*Prayer of Saint Francis*

A. Pote

Covenant Chancel Choir

**Doxology**

UMH 95

**Prayer for Healing**

Leader and Congregation

**Tender and compassionate God,**

**too often we have shut our eyes to the ministry of your Holy Spirit,**

**We need to be reminded sometimes that not one of us is perfect and whole.**

**We all need some form of healing today.**

**We may need healing for the sickness of our bodies, the torment of our minds,**

**the unpredictability of our emotions, the stubbornness of our spirits,**

**or the brokenness of our relationships.**

**Restore to us the balance and harmony that only you can give.**

**Strengthen our faith and teach us to rely on your timing, your schedule, and your methods.**

**In Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture**

James 5:13-15

Liturgist

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

**Message**

Rev. Dr. Latricia Scriven

**Prayer for Forgiveness and Healing**

Rev. Rokitowski

**Holy God, we recognize our need for confession.**

**We need to seek your forgiveness and mercy.**

**This is vital for the well-being of our souls. But wounds are different than sins.**

Sometimes what we really need is to recognize our hurts and to seek your healing.  
Divine Counselor, we need your healing therapy.  
Touch and heal our deep inner scars and pain.  
In these moments, we bring to you unresolved guilt, unmet needs, and unhealed wounds.  
Your grace can redeem and transform even hurts left over from long ago.  
Gentle Healer of our souls, remind us that healing is a process,  
a journey toward wholeness we can travel safely with you.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### Thanksgiving over the Oil

Rev. Scriven

O God, the giver of health and salvation, we give thanks to you for the gift of oil.  
As your holy apostles anointed many who were sick and healed them,  
so pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this gift,  
that those who in faith receive this anointing may be made whole;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Laying on of Hands

(suggested instructions for coming forward: you may have other or different instructions)  
If you wish to be anointed, come forward to one of the healing stations at the altar rail.  
One of our leaders (?) will anoint and pray with you. Remain at the rail as long as you have need. Stations  
with chairs are (will be???) available for those who have difficulty kneeling (Do we want to do this?)

### Closing Hymn

*It is Well with My Soul*

UMH 377

### Benediction

Rev. Scriven

Great Physician, we have felt your touch, and we praise you for your gift of healing.  
We celebrate the hand of your Holy Spirit working to renew our lives.  
Teach us, even in our pain, to reach out our hands to touch one another in your name.  
Use us, O God, as channels of your grace, restoring the world one soul at a time.  
Show us now our share and place in the healing ministries of your Spirit and Church.  
**Let your healing streams abound, flowing from you, through us, to all the world. Amen.**

### Postlude

*Postlude on 'Azmon'*

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