GATHER

People gather around Jesus as his reputation becomes known from town to town. As we gather virtually or physically, we too are yearning for presence, for peace, for help.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Threshold

APPROACH

People opened their lives to Jesus. We are drawn to the Healer-opening our hearts with honesty about our lives and finding assurance that offers peace.

Opening Prayer of Confession
Creator God,
We are bodies fashioned by your hand in your own image,
shapes and colors of diverse and immense beauty.
And yet too often we have ignored the sacred nature of our physical lives.
The Holy Vessels you have fashioned are tired and suffering,
ravaged by months of disrupted rhythms and ailment.
Our fragility has come into full view and we are frightened.
We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away,
sometimes even from our needs.

Help us, Healer.
Show us our strength.
Forgive our inertia.
Move us to move
One step at a time toward greater care.

In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

Assurance

Peace
The peace of Christ is with you.
**And also with you.**

Opening Hymn
Healer of our Every Ill
Solo: Ron Davison

**BELIEVE**

*People were fortified by Jesus’ words and deeds that revealed care for all—especially those marginalized. We strengthen our belief in the possibility for renewed health and vigor for all.*

Time for Children

A Contemporary Word
Where there is ruin, there is hope for a treasure—Rumi
ASK
People who were healed by Jesus were not afraid to ask. And so we come before the Holy One, making our petitions and desires known, trusting the work of the Spirit.

KNOW
The parting words Jesus’ gave to those he healed were often as much balm as the healing act itself. We hear words of encouragement from the One who makes beauty from brokenness.

RESPOND
Scriptural accounts of healing often end with responses from the “crowd” of witnesses. How will we proceed into the brokenness of this world and respond as the Body of Christ?

Closing Hymn Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come
(Saranam, Saranam*)
Chancel Choir
*Saranam means “I take refuge”
Postlude

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