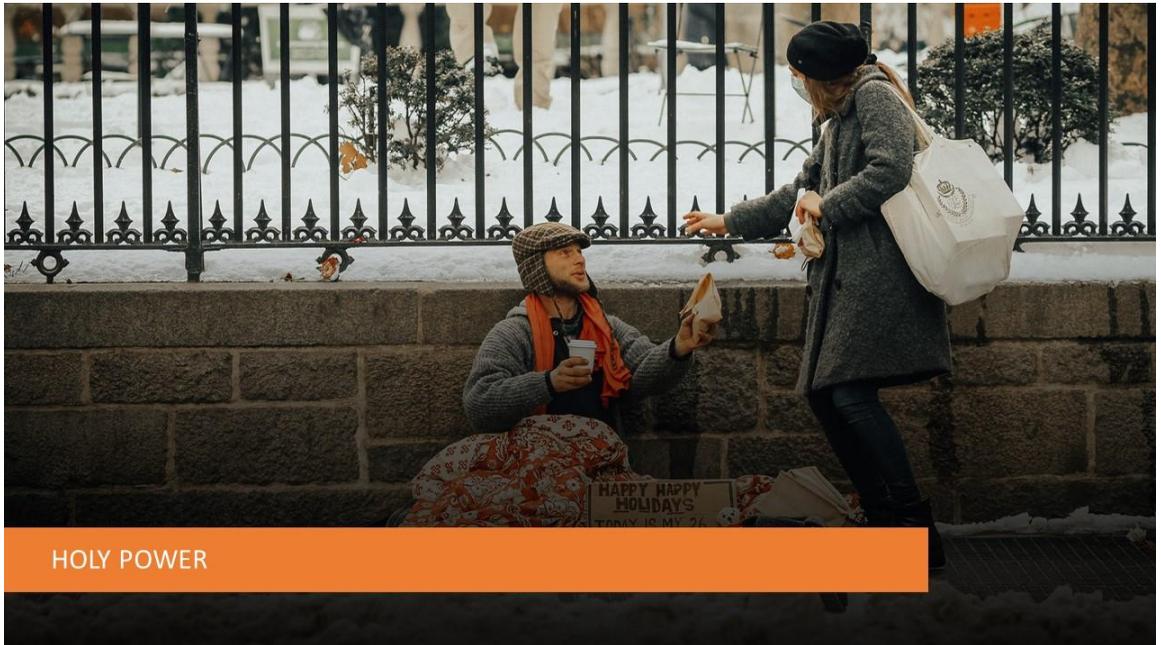


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HOLY POWER

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

In the Sweet Bye and Bye
Piano, Kathy Herman

Webster/Bennett

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.

God of All,

You created us for each other.

You set in us a yearning for companionship and an empathy that binds us together, protecting each other and delighting in one another.

Yet too often we have broken down our relationships instead of building them up.

We have been set against one another with the lie of scarcity.

We have built systems and economies that widen the gap of resources rather than safeguarding equitable practices.

Too many, and growing numbers, are suffering hardship, food insecurity, joblessness.

We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away, sometimes even from the need in our own community.

Help us, Healer.

Show us our complacency.

Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care for one another.

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

Community of Christ

Chancel Choir

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

Mary Church

A Contemporary Word

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.” –Coretta Scott King

Musical Proclamation

Crystal River
Chancel Choir

Heather Sorenson

Solo: Kim Irish Piano: Kathy Herman

An Ancient Word

Matthew 8: 5-13

Sermon

“Holy Power”

Pastor Dawn

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.

Song of Preparation

Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole
Solo: Paul Rabenhorst

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Ritual Action for the Week

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

The Voice of God is Calling
Chancel Choir

Commission

Benediction

Threshold Into the World

Postlude

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