

HOPE CHURCH
20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HEALING PRAYER

October 22, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

Healing Prayer Service, today at 11:00 am Worship Service.

The liturgy at the 11am service will focus on the need for healing from God in our lives, in the lives of those we love, and in our world. During the service, there will be the opportunity for the congregation to offer prayers for healing & to receive a blessing of healing oil as a symbol of God's healing touch.

Mindful that themes of violence addressed in this morning's scripture and preaching can evoke strong emotional reactions in people who have survived such traumas, we want to make support available to people beyond this time of healing prayer.

After the service today and in the days ahead those offering healing prayers today are available for further conversation. All of them are pastors and/or spiritual directors. You can connect with them in the chapel following the service or you can reach out for conversation through the following contact information:

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Center for Women in Transition provides 24-hour support for women in crisis as well as counseling services: 616-392-1970 or crisishelp@cwitmi.org

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE *Tallis Theme*
A Refuge, Peace

Thomas Tallis
G. Walker

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come to the Waters*

Mark Sedio

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Living Water, Fountain of Grace,
in whom we live and move and have our being;
River of Mercy, who quenches our thirst,
refreshes our weariness;
Source of Life, who bathes and washes
and cleanses our wounds;
Be for us and for all the world
a fountain of life and hope.
Living Water, flow within us
as a river of life and healing for all.

RESPONSE *Come to the Waters*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: "Come! _____ Come to the wa - ters! Come, come, dy - ing and ris - ing with Je sus_ the Ho - ly one." The words "Come, come," and "Je sus_" are in bold type. There are some blank lines and underscores in the lyrics, likely indicating where a congregation might sing or breathe.

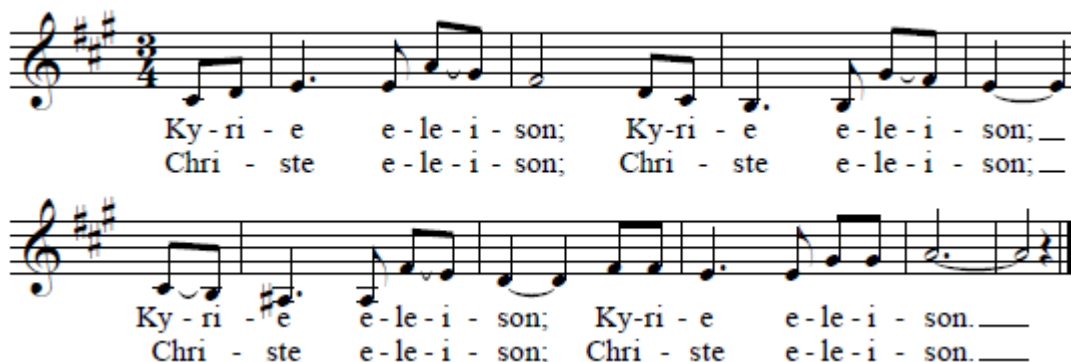
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Purple #482 *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

*SALUTATION

*Congregation to rise in body or spirit
Bold type indicates congregational response

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *O Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie Guarani ~ Paraguay)*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son; _
Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Chri - ste e - le - i - son; _

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Holy and merciful God,
who searches us and knows us,
who is familiar with all our ways,
**we confess our lives before you
and look to your grace in our Lord Jesus Christ.**
**We confess our sin,
and seek your forgiveness;
we confess our brokenness,
and seek your healing;
we confess our confusion,
and seek your guidance;
we confess our fears,
and seek your courage.**

prayer continues in stillness

Holy and merciful God,
give us a spirit of tenacious trust
that we may turn each day to your love and truth.
**Bless us with the true peace of your Spirit,
that we may abide in your grace
and be a source of your life and light in our living.**

O Lord, Have Mercy ~ repeat as before

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND GOD'S GUIDE FOR GRATEFUL LIVING

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Children ages 3 through grade 5 leave for Children's Worship

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 143 *Purple #782 Hear My Prayer, O God*

HYMN CHANT

SERMON *Judges 19 ~ Silent Night*

PRAYER FOR BLESSING *This is To Mother You*

Sinéad O'Connor

This is to mother you
To comfort you and get through
Through when your nights are lonely
Through when your dreams are only blue
This is to mother you.

This is to be with you
To hold you and to kiss you too.
For when you need me I will do
What your own mother didn't do
Which is to mother you.

All the pain that you have known
All the violence in your soul
All the "wrong" things you have done
I will take from you when I come...

All mistakes made in distress
All of your unhappiness
I will take away with my kiss
I will give you tenderness.

For child I am so glad I found you
Although my arms have always been around you.
Sweet bird although you did not see me
I saw you and...

I'm here to mother you
To comfort you and get you through
Through when your nights are lonely
Through when your dreams are only blue
This IS to mother you...

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

OFFERING *Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad and pass it back.*

During the Offertory, all are invited to write prayers for healing on the prayer card insert in the bulletin; these prayers may be brought forward during the Prayers for Healing or can be placed in the offering plate.

Offertory *Adagio from Sonata in C*

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heavenly host;

*** Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen.**

***or praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Prayer of Dedication

J. Woodman
OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Come, let us approach the mercy seat of God,
holding to the promise that even when we do not know how or what to pray
that the Spirit intercedes on our behalf for our healing.

**O God, I search for your face at dawn,
my soul thirsts for you;**

**I meditate on you in the watches of the night,
for you have been my help.**

from Psalm 63

In the struggles of our lives and the sufferings of the world,
we seek your grace of healing, O Lord;

**in the depths of our souls,
we seek your touch of healing, O God.**

Steady each of us as we strive to make sense of a fragmented world.

Some of us have lived in terror,
when we needed to have safety.

Some have lived with betrayal and duplicity,
when we needed peace.

Some have hidden,
when what we all long for is to be free.

Help us to bear these losses.

Bring us into that safe place

**where we may be open to receive the everyday comforts of this life,
to love and be loved,**

and to experience your grace.

Trusting that your Spirit makes
 living water to spring up in the desert
 and even the valley of tears to become a place
 of cleansing and healing,
**we present for healing ourselves
 and those for whom we intercede.**

*You are invited to come forward to receive a healing blessing through the anointing of oil.
 There are six stations for prayer: four in front and two in back.
 Those coming forward can share what is on your card and receive a blessing for healing on your forehead or hand.
 The two prayer stations in the back are available for those who desire a more extended time of healing prayer.*

Healer of Our Every Ill

congregation refrain; choir verses

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Heal-er of our ev-ery ill, light of each to-mor-row, give us peace be-yond our fear and hope be-yond our sor-row. You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your peace and glad-ness. Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts." The score includes measure numbers 6 and 11.

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You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your peace and gladness;
 Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your way of healing;
 Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Hymn Purple #27 *Sacred the Body*

TENDERNESS

There is a Longing in Our Hearts

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'There is a Longing in Our Hearts'. It consists of three staves of music in a 2/4 time signature, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you'. The second staff contains 'to re-veal your - self to us. _____ There is a long-ing in our'. The third staff contains 'hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near; hear our prayer, O God. **refrain**
For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **refrain**
Lord save us, take pity, Light in our darkness.
We call you; we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God. **refrain**

We have been blessed by your touch of healing, O God,
**renewed in the promise that your life-giving Spirit
holds us in all circumstances.**

We offer the prayers gathered together this day
for the healing of our lives and our world;
we offer all the prayers of our hearts to you.

The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want;
**even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will not fear,
for you are with me.**

from Psalm 23

Do not be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your needs be made known to God.

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard our hearts and minds
in Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord.**

from Philipians 4

Thanks be to God.

*CONFESSION OF FAITH "A New Creed" *United Church of Canada 1968*

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN Purple #797 *We Cannot Measure How You Heal* YE BANKS & BRAES

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Minor*

J. S. Bach

*Excerpts from within the Prayer for Healing come from: Service of Healing for Traumatic Cruelty,
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