



*"...that they might touch
even the fringe of his cloak..."*
Mark 6:56

Outdoor Worship in the Grove

Worship Service

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Wholeness and Healing

July 18, 2021 10:15 AM

Worshippers present for in-person worship are invited to sing and read responsively. Masks are optional.

*The congregation is invited to read and sing text and lyrics printed in **bold type**.*

Gathering Music

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Welcome

Announcements

Prelude

"Grace Greater than Our Sin"

Call to Worship *Adapted from Psalm 23*

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

All: God leads me beside still waters and restores my soul.

One: Even when we're in a dark valley, fear has no home within us.

All: You protect us and shelter us.

One: You make a meal for us and invite us into your home.

All: We are safe with you, and we will dwell in your house forever.

Gathering Hymn

pg 6 (Hymnal 657)

"Sing to God with Joy and Gladness" (Psalm 147)

Prayer of Confession

God, we may acknowledge that we need healing, but we don't know where to begin. Whether personal, relational, or physical healing, it can all seem so overwhelming. Because the journey is hard, we sometimes choose not to take the first step. Help us to acknowledge that even the first step in the journey is important, and that even touching the hem of Jesus' garment is enough to begin the process.

~Silent Confession~

Assurance of Pardon (BCW)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

Choral Response

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. (2x)
I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.

Passing of the Peace (*air waves, no touching*)

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Understanding

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 23

New Testament Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sermon

"Catching a T-Shirt"

Song

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

*Wonderful merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men,
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.*

*Chorus: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore;
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
Oh our hearts always hunger for.*

*Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
Oh we hopelessly lost the way. Chorus*

*Almighty infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us, falling before Your throne,
Oh we're falling before Your throne. Chorus*

Moment of Gratitude

Time of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing

*This morning, we ask that you take a few moments to meditate on
your needs or the needs of those around you.*

Intercession for Healing

God, our Creator, your will for us and for all your
people is wholeness and salvation: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have
life and have it in abundance: **have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples
of your presence: **have mercy on us.**

To the triune God, the source of all love and all life, let
us offer our prayers.

Between each prayer, a time of silence will be kept. During that time, you may speak a need or prayer using a word or two. You may also approach the Pastor or Elders for prayer, laying on of hands, or anointing with oil.

For all who are in need of healing . . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are struggling with depression or anxiety ...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who question their career or calling . . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are experiencing strained relationships. . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who seek justice and love compassion . . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who are seeking a deeper relationship with God ...
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

That all may hear the comfort and compassion of Christ. . .
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn

(Hymnal 547)

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

**In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.**

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

**"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.**

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

**"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.**

**Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here my tender comfort stilled you.**

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Blessing

Postlude – *please remain seated*

"Praise Him! Praise Him!"

657 Sing to God, with Joy and Gladness

(Psalm 147)

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (D)
Refrain F Dm Gm7 C F

Sing to God, with joy and glad - ness, hymns and

psalms of grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise

dis - cov - er that to wor - ship God is good.

1 God u - nites the scat - tered peo - ple, gath - ers
 2 Such is God's great power and wis - dom, none can
 3 God with clouds the sky has cur - tained, thus en -
 4 God's dis - cern - ment nev - er fa - vors strength or

those who wan - dered far, heals the hurt and bro - ken
 cal - cu - late or tell; keen is God to ground the
 sur - ing rain shall fall; earth, re - spond - ing, grows to
 speed to lift or move; God de - lights in those who

to Refrain

spir - its, tend - ing ev - ery wound and scar.
 wick - ed and with hum - ble folk to dwell.
 or - der food for crea - tures great and small.
 wor - ship, trust - ing in God's stead - fast love.



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