

May 19, 2019

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Janelle Arnett Campbell, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jan Buerge, worship leader

*HYMN #61

Let all creation bless the Lord

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Terri Gaeddert

FAITH FORMATION BOARD RECOGNITIONS

PSALM

Psalm 30

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 5:1-9

CONFESSION

Leader: Thirty eight years
lying on the floor
with healing delayed
for lack of a compassionate soul
that would put his body into the pool:
such was the fate of the man at Bethesda

countless centuries
lying in oblivion
with inclusion delayed
for lack of a compassionate community
that would offer a place at the table:
such is the fate of so many

**All: God of Healing,
forgive us for denying resources.
Heal us from blindness and apathy.****

SILENT PRAYER

SERMON

When healing feels beyond reach

SERMON RESPONSE

Healing River of the Spirit
Madeline Bollinger, soprano

Duck/Morris

Healing river of the Spirit, bathe the wounds that living brings,
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness deep beneath your sacred springs.
Weary from the restless searching that has lured us from your side,
We discover in your presence peace the world cannot provide.

Wellspring of the healing Spirit, stream that flows to bring release,
As we gain ourselves, our senses, may our lives reflect your peace.
Grateful for the flood that heals us, may your church enact your grace,
As we meet both friend and stranger, may we see our Savior's face.

Living stream that heals the nations, make us channels of your power.
All the world is torn by conflict; wars are raging at this hour.
Saving Spirit, move among us; guide our winding human course,
Till we find our way together, flowing homeward to our Source.

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Call to prayer: #45 SS *Calm me Lord* (sing 2x)
Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.



Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 114), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*SENDING FORTH

Leader: May God lift up each sagging shoulder
and strengthen every weakened knee;

**People: may God straighten the path for each tired foot
and turn to peace every embattled heart;**

Leader: may God so bless each merciful word
and magnify every faithful deed,

**All *that each root of bitterness can be pulled from the earth
and the tree of life planted in its place.******

*HYMN #116 SS

I saw a tree by the riverside

*POSTLUDE

Please remain standing until the conclusion of the postlude.

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.

Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

** Adapted from a prayer by Magdalena I. García, a Presbyterian teaching elder and a hospice chaplain for Vitas Healthcare in Chicago.

***from Sing the Journey #165

Now **Here** God

Here is a place for worship reflections. What are you sensing about God in the here and now?
What words, images or questions do you want to take with you into this new week?

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