

**GATHER**

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

**PRELUDE** *When We Are in the Highest Need*

J.S. Bach

**THRESHOLD MOMENT** *Holy Vessels*

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Musical notation for the Threshold Moment "Holy Vessels". It consists of two staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Ves - sels, hol - y and whole. Bro - ken, need - ing the One O - pen, bod - y and soul Heal - er, come."

**WELCOME**

Rev. Julie Kline

**OPENING HYMN** *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Musical notation for the Opening Hymn "Healer of Our Every Ill". It consists of three staves of music in D major and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled "Refrain" and the second staff is labeled "Fine". 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."

1. You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2. In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3. Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - ery sis - ter,
4. You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort,  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion,  
 ev - ery broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness,  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion,

*D.C.*



fill our hearts. \_\_\_\_\_  
 God of love. \_\_\_\_\_  
 be our guide. \_\_\_\_\_  
 fill each heart. \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Terry Kinzy, Outreach Team Leader**

**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 own 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.**

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**KYRIE (Translation: Lord, Have mercy. Christ, have mercy)**

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Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Chris - te, Chris - te, Chris - te e - le - i - son.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE AND PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: I invite you to imagine the warmth that surrounds you extending to those who may be next to you in close proximity. Imagine it extending beyond your walls to the neighborhood, the wider community, the church, and seeing it spread like the rising sun, let it expand to all the world. Let this be our peace.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: If you have not already, I invite you to open your eyes.

The peace of Christ is with you

**All: And also with you.**

### 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.*

**A TIME FOR THE CHILD WITHIN US ALL**

Julia Librizzi

**SHARING FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS**

Dr. Grace Lubwama – YMCA

**MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Sacred the Body*



1. Sac - red the bod - y God has cre - at - ed, tem - ple of  
2. Bod - ies are var - ied, made in all siz - es, pale, full of  
3. Love re - spects per - sons, bod - ies and bound - aries. Love does not  
4. Ho - ly of ho - lies, God ev - er lov - ing, make us your



Spir - it that dwells deep in - side. Cher - ish each  
col - or, both frag - ile and strong. Ho - ly the  
bat - ter, ne - glect, or a - buse. Love touch - es  
tem - ples; in - dwell all we do. May we be



per - son; nur - ture cre - a - tion. Treat flesh as  
dif - ference, gift of the Mak - er, so let us  
gen - tly, nev - er co - erc - ing. Love leaves the  
care - ful, ten - der and car - ing, so may our



ho - ly, that love may a - bide.  
hon - or each sto - ry and song.  
oth - er with pow - er to choose.  
bod - ies give hon - or to you.

WORDS: Ruth Duck (1 Cor. 3:16; 13:4-7)

MUSIC: W. Daniel Landes

RUDDLE

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SCRIPTURE – Matthew 8:1-4, 16-17

SERMON *Holy Humanity*

Rev. Julie Kline

HYMN OF RESPONSE *Grace Alone*

1. Ev - ery prom - ise we can make, ev - ery prayer and  
2. Ev - ery soul we long to reach, ev - ery heart we  
step of faith, ev - ery dif - ference we will make  
hope to teach, ev - ery - where we share his peace  
is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery moun - tain  
is on - ly by his grace. Ev - ery lov - ing  
we will climb, ev - ery ray of hope we shine,  
word we say, ev - ery tear we wipe a - way,  
ev - ery bless - ing left be - hind } is on - ly by his  
ev - ery sor - row turned to praise }  
*Refrain*  
grace. Grace a - lone which God sup - plies, strength un -  
known he will pro - vide. Christ in us our Cor - ner -  
stone; we will go forth in grace a - lone.

WORDS: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson (Eph. 2:8-10)  
MUSIC: Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson

GRACE ALONE  
Irregular with Refrain

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**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.*

*During the season of Lent we will be using an alternative version of the Lord's Prayer for the words and meaning within Jesus' prayer to fall afresh upon our hearts and minds.*

**Loving Creator we honor you, and we honor all that you have made.**

**Renew the whole world in the image of your love.**

**Give us what we need for today, and a hunger to see the whole world fed.**

**Strengthen us for what lies ahead; heal us from the hurts of the past;**

**give us courage to follow your call in this moment.**

**For your love is the only power, the only home, the only honor we need,**

**in this world and in the world to come. Amen.**

(Paraphrased by Sarah Dylan Breuer)

**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**

**ANTHEM** *The Healing of the Nations*

Anne Krantz Organ

Soloist: Dewey Bolz, with Bri Attard, Hannah Elant, Justin Hamann, Bernie Foulk, Jacqueline Stilger

*River of the water of life, flows from the throne of God. The river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flows from the throne of God and the Lamb, bright as crystal. Through the middle of the street of the city, bright as crystal. Tree of life, river and water and tree of life, on either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. The leaves of the tree of life are for the healing of the nations. God of life, God, heal the nations.*

**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?*

**COMMISSION**

**BLESSING**

**THRESHOLD INTO THE WORLD** *Holy Vessels*

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the lyrics: "Ves - sels, hol - y and whole. Bro - ken, need - ing the One". The second staff contains the lyrics: "O - pen, bod - y and soul Heal - er, come." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some notes beamed together and slurs over phrases.

**POSTLUDE** *Plein Jeu*

G.G. Nivers

**We are a Reconciling Congregation, welcoming all.**