



*A Service for Healing and
Wholeness*

**A Service of Prayer
Contemplation and Candle Lighting**

**February 24, 2020
First Presbyterian Church of Homewood
Homewood, IL**

Monday, February 24, 2020

6:45 p.m.

**Indicates congregation to stand, if able; Bold indented, congregation to speak.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:31

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. One of the following, or another verse from scripture, is said: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

HYMN 792

There is a Balm in Gilead

(refrain)

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

(refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend.

(refrain)

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

(refrain)

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mark 6:53-56

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

(a time of silence to reflect)

Luke 6:18-20

¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

(a time of silence to reflect)

Luke 9:10-11

¹⁰ On their return the apostles told Jesus ^[a] all they had done. He took them with him and withdrew privately to a city called Bethsaida. ¹¹ When the crowds found out about it, they followed him; and he welcomed them, and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed to be cured.

(a time of silence to reflect)

Luke 4:40-41a

⁴⁰ As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. ⁴¹ Demons also came out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!"

(a time of silence to reflect)

LITANY AND PRAYER FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

One: God, our creator, your will for us and for all your people is health and salvation:

Many: have mercy on us.

One: Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have life and have it in abundance:

Many: have mercy on us.

One: Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples of your presence:

Many: have mercy on us

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

For all who are in need of healing, (Silence)

Many: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: For all who are disabled by injury or illness, (Silence)

Many: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

One: For all who are troubled by confusion or pain, (Silence)

Many: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: For all whose increasing years bring weariness, (Silence)

Many: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: For all about to undergo surgery, (Silence)

Many: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: For all who cannot sleep, (Silence)

Many: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: For all who practice the healing arts, (Silence)

Many: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

One: Are there any specific request for prayer tonight?

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

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

All: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

One: where there is hatred,

Many: let me sow love;

One: where there is injury,

Many: pardon;

One: where there is doubt,

Many: faith;

One: where there is despair,

Many: hope;

One: where there is darkness,

Many: light;

One: where there is sadness,

Many: joy.

All: O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER AND PRAYER AND ANOINTING

You are invited to use this time in silent prayer and reflection. Ask yourself which of the parts of the prayer of St Francis of Assisi speak to my need and what I can offer.

Those who wish may come forward for time with the pastor elder for prayer and anointing on the forehead.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Servers will bring light to your candles from the Christ candle. Once all our candles are lit, we will bring them up to the two containers of sand and place them in the sand. As we come we will sing “Jesus Remember Me”

“Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom”

repeat

BENEDICTION

Jesus, the life—the life that is light for all people—shines in your heart. No matter how small, no matter how dim, that light stubbornly shines. The darkness will not overcome it. Go in peace, with courage to face the coming days with hope, with God by your side.

God’s protection comforts us, Jesus’ courage sustains us, the Holy Spirit’s tenderness and caress embraces us now and forevermore. Amen.

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