



## Homer United Methodist Church

February 14, 2021

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### Centering

- limit distractions, light a candle, take a deep breath, and offer a prayer of gratitude for the indigenous peoples on whose land you live, work, and worship

### Opening Prayer<sup>1</sup>

O Lord, you are indeed the healer of all our ills. We bring to you, Lord, our bodies, minds and spirits hurting and broken by the violence, ills, trauma and cares of a world separated from you. Send your life-giving Spirit so that we may live our lives with courage in the profound peace of your love. Come to us now with your healing powers.

**Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole.**

O God, we ask that you sustain those who seek to alleviate the pain and suffering of this world. Give strength, courage, wisdom and knowledge to all doctors and orderlies, nurses and clerks, psychiatrists, researchers, and all other medical care givers, volunteers and professionals. Send your life-giving Spirit so that their ministries may bring healing and promote health. Come to us now with your healing powers.

**Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole.**

Be also with those who work to heal the wounds of societies and nations. Guide, protect and strengthen lawyers and police, chaplains and pastors, healthcare and social workers, politicians, military, diplomats and all others who work for economic and social reform. Send your life-giving Spirit that they may promote your love and grace, bringing healing to those in conflict and stability to those who are vulnerable. Come to us now with your healing powers.

**Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole.**

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God so loved the world and the people that God sent Christ to die and rise for us. Accept now God's gift of healing and wholeness. Know that you are forgiven, reconciled, accepted and loved.

**Breathe on us, O God, and make us whole. Amen.**

### **Opening Song**

*O, How I Love Jesus*

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Frederick Whitfield, 1855

MUSIC: 19<sup>th</sup> cent. USA melody

CCLI Song #28696

CCLI # 11365960

### **Prayer for Illumination**

By your Holy Spirit, O God, open our ears, our eyes, our hearts, and our minds to your holy Word who brings salvation and wholeness to all. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading**

Mark 2:1-12

Franco Venuti

2When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. 2So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. 3Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. 4And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. 5When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." 6Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? 9Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven', or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? 10But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— 11"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." 12And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Song of Preparation**

*Gift of Love*

Ola Mullikin

WORDS: Hal Hopson, 1972

MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Hal Hopson, 1972

CCLI Song # 67327

CCLI # 11365960

### **Sermon<sup>2</sup>**

Love Likewise

Pastor Lisa

Jesus loves you just the way you are, but Jesus does not leave you as you are. Whatever possesses you, whatever distracts you, whatever ails you, Jesus heals.

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<sup>2</sup> Article referenced: "Ice Hearts Bring Warmth to East Anchorage Just in Time for Valentine's Day" by Emily Mesner ([https://www.adn.com/alaska-life/2021/02/12/ice-hearts-bring-warmth-to-east-anchorage-just-in-time-for-valentines-day/?fbclid=IwAR0-D45J-xdnNOD\\_tU15tkcO8Rzyd\\_yM3nKCTioc2PhkzFY7OVg7ap9SF10](https://www.adn.com/alaska-life/2021/02/12/ice-hearts-bring-warmth-to-east-anchorage-just-in-time-for-valentines-day/?fbclid=IwAR0-D45J-xdnNOD_tU15tkcO8Rzyd_yM3nKCTioc2PhkzFY7OVg7ap9SF10))

## **Song of Response**

WORDS: John Wimber, 1979  
MUSIC: John Wimber, 1979  
CCLI Song # 27824  
CCLI # 11365960

## *Spirit Song*

Lucy Kunkler

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Caroline Venuti

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

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### **Benediction**

You are God's beloved children.  
As God loves you, love others.  
As God forgives you, forgive others.  
As God heals you, heal others.  
Amen.

### **Closing Song**

WORDS: Peter Scholtes  
MUSIC: Peter Scholtes  
CCLI Song # 26997  
CCLI # 11365960

*They'll Know We Are Christian by Our Love*

Ola Mullikin