



Homer United Methodist Church

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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 Prayer¹

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

WORDS: Frederick Whitfield, 1855
MUSIC: 19th cent. USA melody
CCLI Song #28696
CCLI # 11365960

O, How I Love Jesus

Ola Mullikin

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

WORDS: Hal Hopson, 1972
MUSIC: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Hal Hopson, 1972
CCLI Song # 67327
CCLI # 11365960

Gift of Love

Ola Mullikin

Sermon²

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.

² 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_yM3nKCTioc2PhkzFY7OVg7ap9SFI0)

Song of Response

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

Spirit Song

Lucy Kunkler

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Caroline Venuti

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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