

*HYMN 390 “O Savior in this Quiet Place” *Tune: ST. STEPHEN*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Postlude *Arnold Cooke*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Elizabeth B. Andrews Minister for Congregational Care
Terrill L. Stumpf Director, Center for Whole Health
Gale Kryzak Liturgist
Thomas Gouwens Associate Organist
Carol Carpenter Alto Soloist
The Vespers Choir

INTERCESSORY TEAMS

Gayle Birdsong
Cathy Clewlow
Carol Gates
Cris Ohr
Polly Toner
Janet Tuma

According to the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), “Healing was an integral part of the ministry of Jesus which the church has been called to continue as one dimension of its concern for the wholeness of people. Through services of wholeness, the church enacts in worship its ministry as a healing community.” During worship this evening, those who wish to do so may participate in the Christian rituals of laying on of hands and anointing with oil as the gathered community prays for wholeness. These scriptural rituals serve as signs to us of God’s healing presence always with us, even in the midst of suffering. In the Presbyterian tradition, we do not claim cures for ourselves during a Service for Wholeness, but rather we wait together on God, opening ourselves to the gifts of God’s grace.

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6:30 p.m.

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PRELUDE Prelude on an Introit *Pierre Camonin*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come in this service to God,
All: **in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.**
Leader: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus,
All: **and who walks with us the road of our world’s suffering.**
Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts;
All: **We come with our hopes and with our fears.**
Leader: We come as we are, because it is God who
invites us to come,
All: **And God has promised never to turn us away.**

*HYMN 360 “Hope of the World” *Tune: DONNE SECOURS*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Jesus said:
Ask and it will be given you; seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.
People: **For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks
finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison) **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength: we have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive
what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct
what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and
walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER READING

Psalm 42 (*responsively*) (page 487, O.T.)

FIRST LESSON

James 5:13–16 (page 217, N.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “There Is a Balm in Gilead” *African American spiritual*
arr. William Dawson

SECOND LESSON

Mark 1:35–45 (page 33, N.T.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Elizabeth B. Andrews
THE LONGING FOR WHOLENESS

***HYMN 380** “O Christ, the Healer” *Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

(*unison*)

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others
by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be
the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to love and
serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim
Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

(*United Church of Canada*)

OFFERING

*While the offerings are received, all present may ponder
in silence all that is happening in their lives, and may,
with renewed commitment, offer themselves and their gifts
for ministry to the service of Jesus Christ in the world.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “All Who Hunger” *William Moore*

***DOXOLOGY** (The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All (sung): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Minister: We give thanks for your love and light . . .

. . . We trust him to overcome all that has power
to hurt or divide us. Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us . . .

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(*unison*)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(*unison*)

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for your
generous provision and your compassionate care for us.
As we wait in hope for the coming of that day when
sorrow and pain shall be no more, help us to receive
your power into our lives and to trust in your eternal love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**