

WHITE MEMORIAL — PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

Service for Wholeness and Healing

March 30, 2021

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

One: We gather here in your presence, God,

All: In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

One: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

All: And you know by experience what human life is like.

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

All: We come with our hopes and with our fears.

One: We come as we are, because you invite us to come;

All: And you have promised never to turn us away.

From the Iona Community

HYMN 796 *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Psalm 91:1-6;11-12

New Testament John 5:2-17

MEDITATION “*Surprised by Healing*”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION FOR HEALING

With musical refrain - verse one of

HYMN 471 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

RECEIVING A BLESSING

PRAYER

HYMN 796 *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

BENEDICTION

MUSICAL RESPONSE HYMN 795 *Healer of Our Every Ill*

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Healing was an integral part of the ministry of Jesus. The church has been called to continue this ministry as one dimension of its concern for the wholeness of people. Through services for wholeness, the church enacts in worship its ministry as a healing community.

A service for wholeness involves the recognition that healing comes in many ways and is in essence concerned with wholeness and not simply cure. Healing is to be understood not as the result of the holiness, earnestness, or skill of those enacting the prayers, or of the faith of the ones seeking healing, but as the gift of God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Order, Directory for Worship

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Music included in today's service:

HYMN 796 *We Come to You for Healing, Lord*, Text:
Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002, Music: American folk melody;
arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938
HYMN 471 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*, Text: Taize Community, 1982, 1991,
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1982
HYMN 795 *Healer of Our Every Ill*, Text and Music:
Marty Haugen 1986

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We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.

TEXT: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 2002

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

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