

**Covenant United Methodist Church**

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Virtual and Indoor Worship Bulletin**



**GATHER**

*People gather around Jesus as his reputation becomes known from town to town. As we gather virtually or physically, we too are yearning for presence, for peace, for help.*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

There is a Redeemer  
Piano, Kathy Herman

arr. Bill Wolover

*Threshold*

## APPROACH

*People opened their lives to Jesus. We are drawn to the Healer-opening our hearts with honesty about our lives and finding assurance that offers peace.*

God of All Possibilities,

Made in your image, you have tasked us as co-creators of a better world.

You bestowed imagination and the ability to learn and progress.

Be we are tired. Our energy wanes and enthusiasm wanes.

The call for ideas, solutions, work-arounds and adaptations have been non-stop for us all-whether we are needing to find ways to keep children engaged and well, or figuring out how to maintain a passion for our work in the midst of trying times, or needing desperately to undo systems of oppression too long affecting our lives and the lives of our neighbors.

Not only our livelihoods, but our liveliness is at stake.

Too often we want to give up, declare it all too hard and simply isolate, waiting out the time for better days.

It all feels overwhelming and so we look away,

Sometimes even from the need in our own community.

**Help us, Healer.**

**Show us our energy reserves.**

**Forgive our cynicism.**

**Move us to move**

**one step at a time toward greater care for one another.**

**In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.**

*Assurance*

Peace

The peace of Christ is with you.

**And also with you.**

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision  
Chancel Choir

**BELIEVE**

*People were fortified by Jesus' words and deeds that revealed care for all-especially those marginalized. We strengthen our belief in the possibility for renewed health and vigor for all.*

Time for Children

Camille Bohannon

A Contemporary Word

“The path of awakening is not about becoming who you are. Rather it is about unbecoming who you are not.” Albert Schweitzer

An Ancient Word

Matthew 9: 18-26

Sermon

“Awake and Well”

Pastor Dawn

### ASK

*People who were healed by Jesus were not afraid to ask. And so we come before the Holy One, making our petitions and desires known, trusting the work of the Spirit.*

Song of Preparation

Make Us Holy, Make Us Whole

Solo: Paul Rabenhorst

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Offering

### KNOW

*The parting words Jesus' gave to those he healed were often as much balm as the healing act itself. We hear words of encouragement from the One who makes beauty from brokenness.*

Ritual Action for the Week

### RESPOND

*Scriptural accounts of healing often end with responses from the “crowd” of witnesses. How will we proceed into the brokenness of this world and respond as the Body of Christ?*

Closing Hymn

For Everyone Born a Place at the Table

## Chancel Choir

Commission

Benediction

Threshold Into the World

Postlude

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