



## **WORSHIP SERVICE FEBRUARY 28, 2021 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Worship Leaders: Rev. Effie McAvoy, Sandy Knapp CLM & Jay O'Connor**

PLEASE PUT YOUR JOY'S & CONCERN'S IN THE CHAT BOX  
PLEASE HAVE YOUR SEA GLASS & SMALL BOWL AVAILABLE

### **WELCOME**

### **PRELUDE**

O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High,

### **OPENING PRAYER** Liturgist

God of All, You created us for each other. You set in us a yearning for companionship and an empathy that binds us together, protecting each other and delighting in one another. Yet too often we have broken down our relationships instead of building them up. We have been set against one another with the lie of scarcity. We have built systems and economies that widen the gap of resources rather than safeguarding equitable practices. Too many, and growing numbers, are suffering hardship, food insecurity, joblessness. We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away, sometimes even from the need in our own community. Help us, Healer. Show us our empathy. Forgive our complacency. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care for one another. Amen

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### **MUSIC**

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

UMH#262 vs 1,2,& 4

### **JOY'S & CONCERN'S**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **RITUAL ACTION**

### **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. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory now and forever. Amen.**

### **PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS**

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### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Lord, these gifts are not payment for services rendered. These aren't our dues necessary for us to belong to this church. We know you made us with a purpose, and so now we give ... on purpose, freely offering to you the best of who we are. Continue to work out your purpose in us. Make us your hands, outstretched, on purpose. Amen.

### **PRAYER RESPONSE      HOLY VESSEL**

### **SCRIPTURE READING      Liturgist**

#### **1 Peter 3: 18-22**

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Matthew 8: 5-13**

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you according to your faith." And the servant was healed in that hour.

**THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD  
THANKS BE TO GOD**

**SERMON**

**PROFOUND FAITH**  
Rev. Effie McAvoy

**MUSIC**

**"The Voice of God is Calling"**

**UMH 436,**

**CLOSING PRAYER**