



Service for the Lord's Day

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16th, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude *Kyrie dominicale* Heinrich Scheidemann

Welcome

Opening Hymn **We Come to You for Healing, Lord** LAND OF REST

Prayer of Confession Lynne Clements

Sung Response Appalachian folk melody

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's Word to Us

First Reading Isaiah 56:1-8 Colin Lee

Second Reading Matthew 15:21-28


Sermon Insistent Faith, Abundant Mercy Dorothy Piatt

Solo *The Lone Wild Bird* Traditional folk song

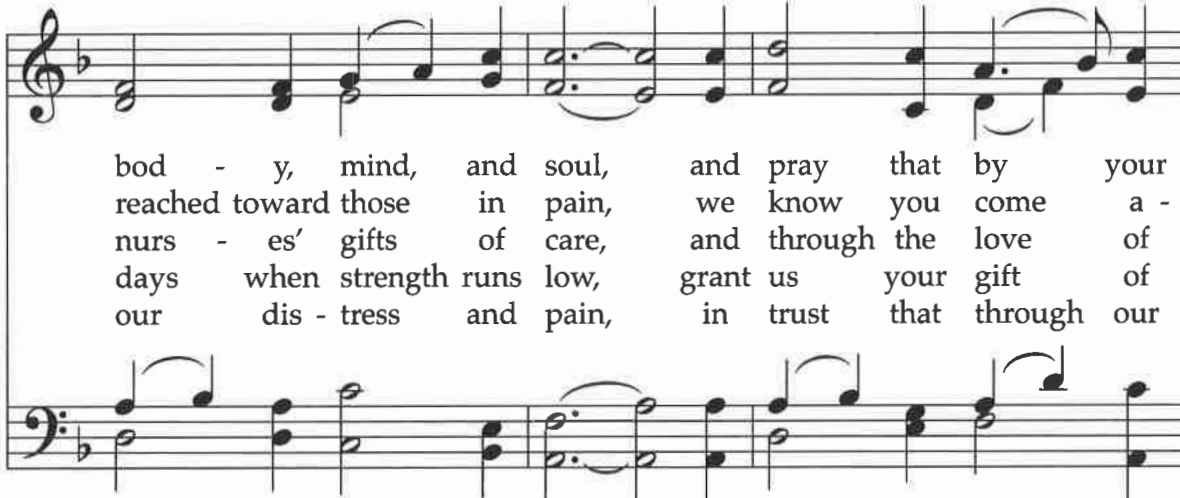
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Christe, aller Welt Trost* J. S. Bach



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.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Prayer

When we are lonely,
you whisper, “come closer,”
 inviting us into your heart.
Great is your love for us and for the world,
Welcoming God.

When we hunger
for the crumbs of hope
which the world offers to us,
you feed us with
 the fullness of your joy.
Great is your grace for us and for the world,
Accepting Christ.

When we stand at the intersection of
faith and despair,
 you persist in showing us mercy.
Great is your hope for us and for the world,
Embracing Spirit.

— adapted from Thom Shuman

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