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

Sung Response

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 healing, Lord, of
2 As once you walked through ancient streets and
3 You touch us through physicians’ skills, through
4 Through nights of pain and wakefulness, through
5 We come to you, O loving Lord, in

bodily, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
reached toward those in pain, we know you come a-
nurses’ gifts of care, and through the love of
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
our distress and pain, in trust that through our

Spirit’s touch we may again be whole.
mong us still with power to heal again.
faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
patience, Lord, your calming peace to know.
nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

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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