

NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 10:00 A.M.
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

Prelude There Is a Balm in Gilead Adolphus Hailstork

Chiming of the Hour
Greeting
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Welcome and Announcements

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

- ✠ Call to Worship
Come, come, whoever you are!
Wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving. It doesn't matter.
Ours is not a caravan of despair.
Come, even if you have broken your vows a thousand times.
Come, yet again, come, come!
- ✠ Gathering Hymn #796 We Come to You for Healing, Lord LAND OF REST
- ✠ Prayer of Confession (italicized words are sung)
O God, we confess that at times we are skeptics.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
At times we doubt Your presence because of the evil we have seen in the world.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Oppression, marginalization, and plain hate still plague our world,
and it is hard to see Your love and light.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Fill us with Your love and goodness so that we might love one another,
and lift up one another in faith. Amen.
- ✠ Assurance of Pardon
In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.
- ✠ Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

- ✠ Passing the Peace
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Matthew 9:18-26 (N.T. p.9)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem There Is a Balm in Gilead Traditional Spiritual
 Eleanor Bissell, soloist

Sermon Anxiously Waiting Betsy Lyles Swetenburg

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

- ✠ Affirmation of Faith (*The Heidelberg Catechism, 1562*)
We choose to live not in fear but with courage,
because in life and in death we belong to God.
Our only comfort in life and in death is that we belong—
body and soul—not to ourselves,
but to our faithful savior Jesus Christ.

- ✠ Sung Response #795 HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow
give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Call to Give

✠ Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore—One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

✠ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✠ Hymn #539

We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

✠ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the
weak; help the suffering; honor all persons; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Voluntary

Finale on *Hymn to Joy*

Charles Callahan

Nell Green, in place of flowers, is giving a gift to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services in celebration of families and the blessing that they are.

Leading worship today:

Rev. Elizabeth Lyles Swetenburg, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

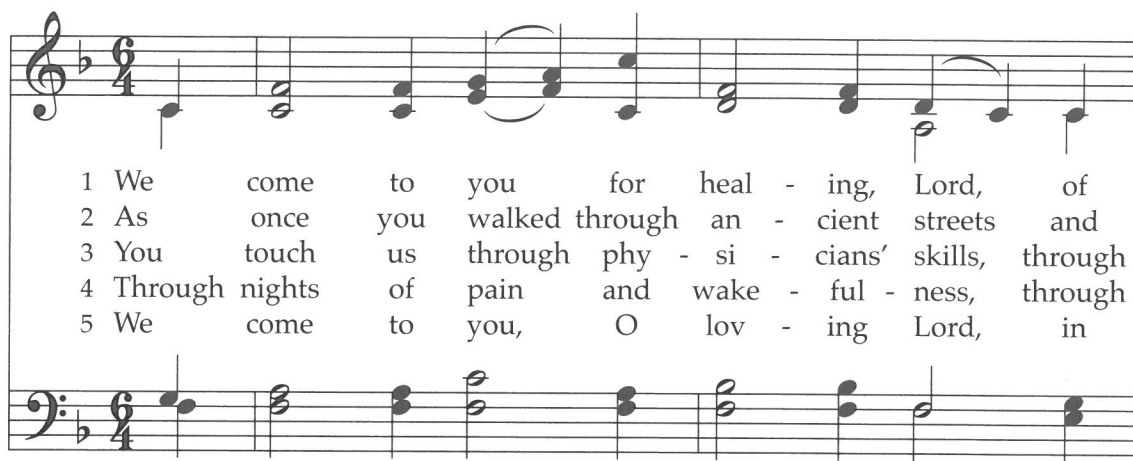
Bryan Page, Director of Music Ministries

Emily Cox, Director of Faith Formation

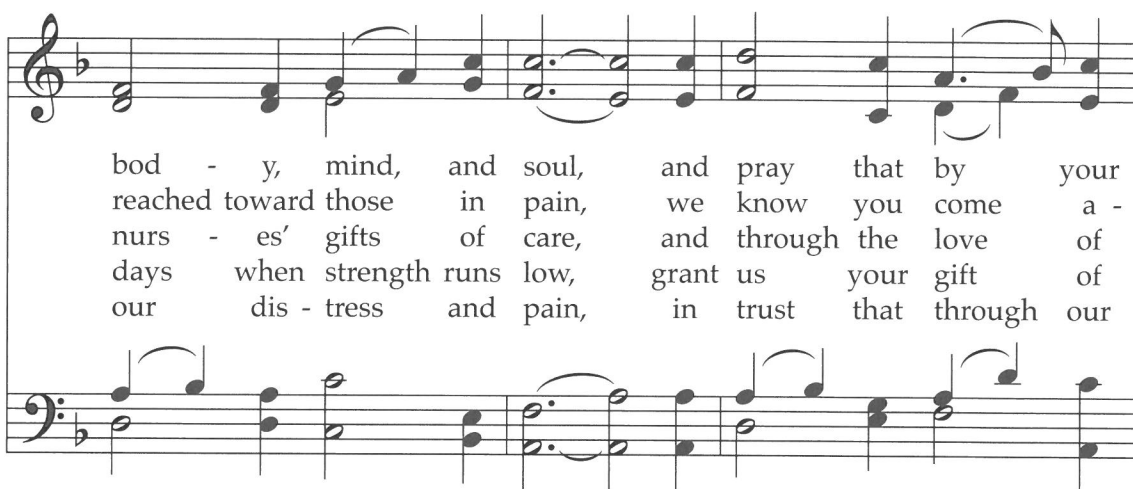
Julia Boudreaux, Organist

Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator

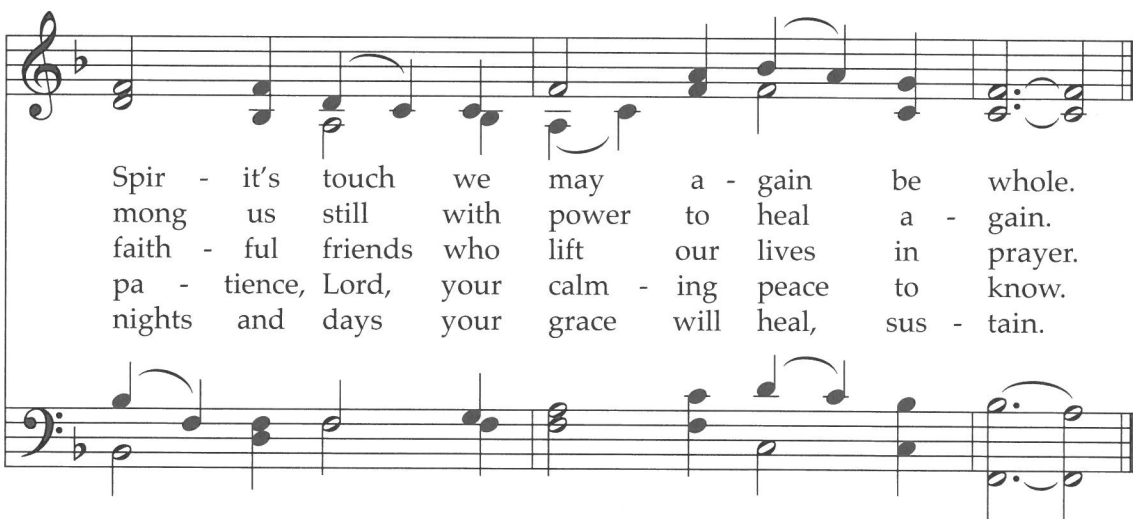
We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796



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



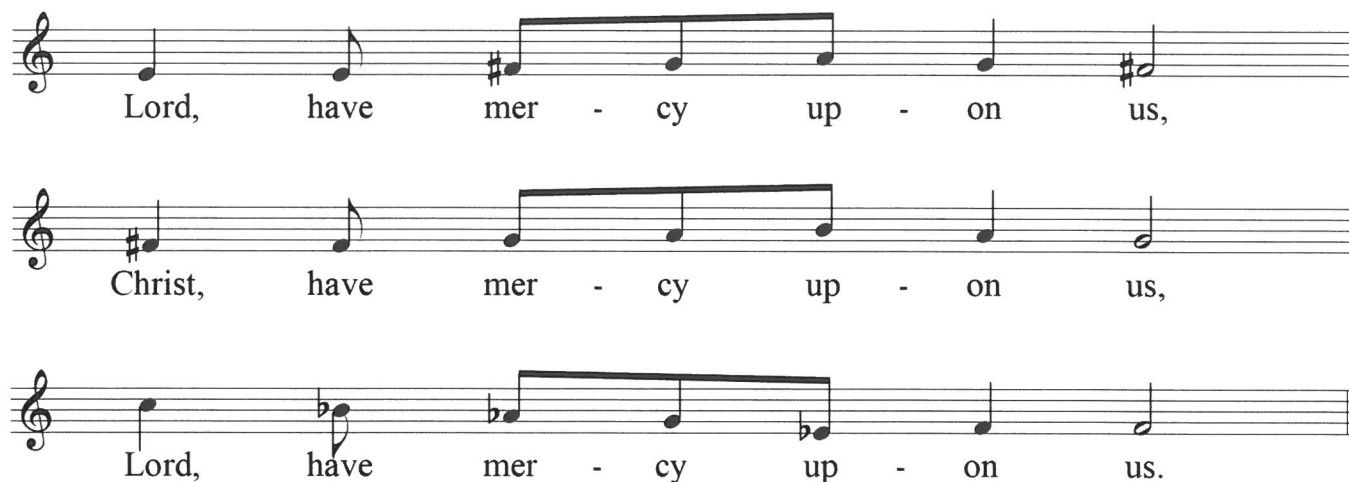
bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



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.

✦ Kyrie

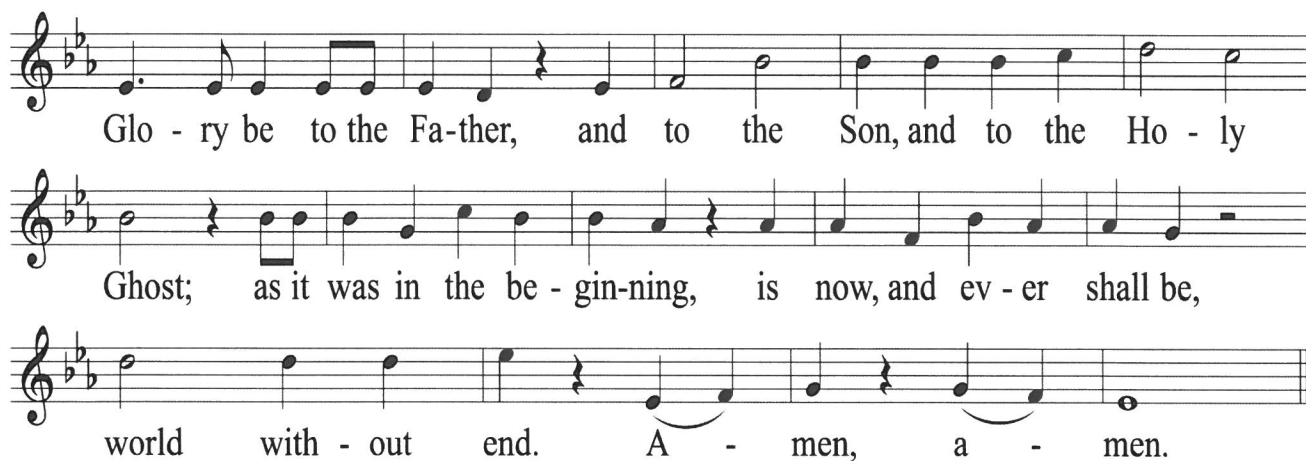


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us,

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

✦ Gloria Patri

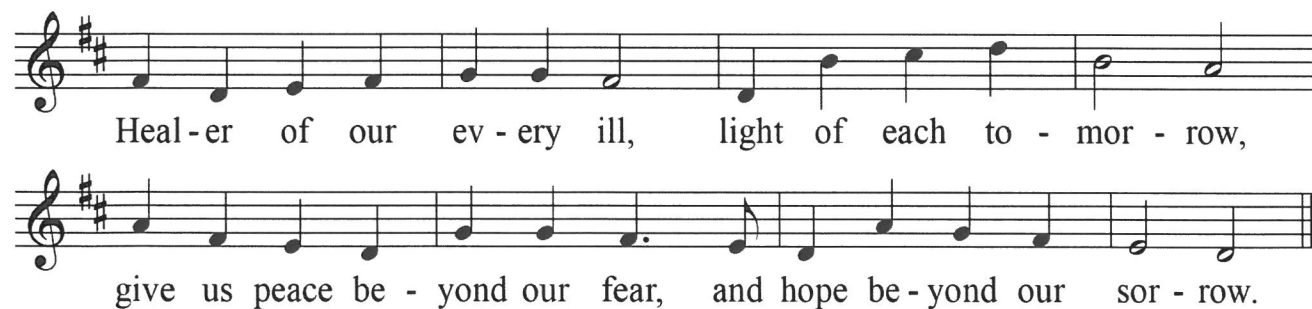


Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

✦ Sung Response to the Affirmation of Faith



Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

✠ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all crea - tures

here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more - One

ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

We Will Go Out with Joy

539



1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.



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Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.