

First UMC  
A United Methodist Community  
In Moorestown, New Jersey  
"A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ  
with a hurting world through words and actions."

March 21, 2021

HEALING SERVICE

10:00 A.M.

**PRELUDE** Priere Higgins

**WELCOME** Pastor Tom Korkuch

**Call to Healing**

**GATHERING MUSIC** "As the Deer Panteth for the Water" Trisha Trout

**OUR NEEDS** Short Video Presentation

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are called here this morning to learn of Christ's healing love.

**People: Help us, O Lord, to learn your lessons of compassion.**

Leader: Everyday there are many ways in which we can offer help to others.

**People: Help us, O Lord, to be ready to reach out to all in need.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who prepares us for service.

**People: Let us sing our songs of praise to the One who has healed us. AMEN.**

**PRAISE MUSIC** Open the Eyes of My Heart / Spirit of the Living God

**Longing for Healing**

**Prayers of People**

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.***

Leader: Holy One, you created the world with all its beauty, humanity and diversity even as we reflect your undivided image of love. Offering you our gratitude for all that we have and all that we are, we also recognize our brokenness and the brokenness of this world. Forgive us for the ways in which we have dishonored your image within us, within others, and within your good creation. Lord, receive our prayer.

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Leader: We pray for your church... It has been very difficult year for your church. Due to pandemic, we needed to adjust and readjust our way of worshiping you and how we provide our ministries. We tried our best to reach out your people to share the love of God. Lord, give your church the wisdom to face the challenges and the courage to embody the love and justice of Jesus. Lord, receive our prayer.

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Leader: We pray for our country... We are being challenged by toxic racism. We have lost and continue losing the lives of your children over ruthlessness of racism. We struggle with the violent divisions of our political views. Lord, we pray for unity and justice upon our nation. Open our minds to envision the world where people work together. Grant our leaders the wisdom to craft policies that honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Lord, receive our prayer.

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Leader: We pray for our communities... Open our hands to do the hard work of building a more just, equitable, and sustainable communities where all people are free to embrace themselves and live openly without fear. Lord, receive our prayer.

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We pray for our families and friends... Open our hearts so that we are able to forgive each other when we have been wounded. Enable us to risk being hurt again by loving others as recklessly as did Jesus. Open our hearts also to receive the families of choice you are creating among us and give us the compassion to welcome into our families all who seek love. Lord, receive our prayer.

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We pray for those who struggle and suffer... Due to Covid 19, our country has lost over 550,000 people. Many of them dying alone without the presence of their families due to a quarantine order. Even now there are people fighting to overcome physical and mental illnesses with which they are suffering with. As they seek your healing, we open our lives to share in their struggle for hope, justice, and wholeness; give us the courage to live our prayers as we strive to embody the healing offered to all through Jesus, the Great Physician. Lord, receive our prayer.

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**Healing Stories**

Mike Zuber, Susan McGroarty

**Scripture**

Mark 2:1-12 (New Revised Standard Version)

**2** When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup>So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. <sup>3</sup>Then some people<sup>a</sup> came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the

*paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup>"Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup>At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? <sup>9</sup>Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk?' <sup>10</sup>But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup>"I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home." <sup>12</sup>And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"*

**Message**

Healing Hands

Pastor HeyYoung Horton

**Thanksgiving for Healing**

**Reflection**

"Blessings"

Donna Banes

**Question:** Whom do you see lying on a mat waiting for you to carry them to Jesus?

**Song of Thanksgiving**

"Holy Water"

**Benediction**

Pastor Tom Korkuch

Watch now, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Now may the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope in the power of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

**Sending Music**

"Come Heal This Land"

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk, Mary Raroha, John & Catharine Carty, Pati Anne Feeley (daughter-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Nancy Gager (Paul Gager's sister), Emmy Cahilly (11 yr. old niece of Shelly & Greg Kinkaid), Madison Luyber - her parents, Julie and Tony (friends of the Bewleys), Dan LaFon, Donna Lasoski, Walter Colby (brother-in-law of Jan & Jack Feeley), Steve Heller.

## SONGS FOR MARCH 21, 2021

### AS THE DEER (by Martin Nystrom)

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee;  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.  
You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.  
You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.  
You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee. (1984 Maranatha! Music)

### OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART (by Paul Baloche)

*Chorus: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see You. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You, I want to see you. (Repeat)*

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy. (Chorus)

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy. High and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy; Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You. (1997 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

### SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD (by Daniel Iverson)

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
(1963 BMW Songs, Inc.)

### HOLY WATER

God, I'm on my knees again. God, I'm begging please again I need you. Oh, I need you.  
Walking down these desert roads, water my thirsty soul, I need you. Oh, I need you.

Chorus: Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips, Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, Like Holy water on my skin. Dead man walking, slave to sin, I wanna know about being born again. I need you, O God, I need you. So, take me to the riverside. Take me under, baptize. I need you, O God, I need you!

Chorus: Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips, Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, Like Holy water on my skin. I don't wanna abuse your grace. God, I need it every day. It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change. (repeat 3x's). I don't wanna abuse your grace. God, I need it every day. It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change.

Chorus: Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips, Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, Like Holy water on my skin. Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips, Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, Like Holy water on my skin. Yeah, It's like Holy water on my skin. Oh, It's like Holy water.

COME HEAL THIS LAND (by Robin Mark)

Let the exile come. Let the stranger come. Let the weary come find rest, all you homeless sons, all you widowed ones, all you poor and dispossessed. For a table waits in your Father's house. There the meek can come and eat. There's a place of rest at your Father's breast where His mercy is complete.

Does a cry ring out from a broken nation, from a people who have been brought low? Was pride in our hearts, and did we grieve Your Spirit? Have we blocked the ancient wells that flowed?

*Refrain: Here is our cov'nant prayer, who call upon Your name. We humble ourselves before You; we humble ourselves. Come heal this land. Come heal this land. Come heal this land. Come heal this land.*

Do the tears of One who gave all things for us, do they flow from heaven still because of us? For we have tasted grace and we have known Your mercy, but we have not shown this grace to men. (Refrain)

So may this land we love be a place of safety, be a light for all the nations of this earth. May Your streams of love, may they flow here freely, here where ev'ry stranger finds a home. (Refrain)  
(2001 Integrity's Hosanna Music)