

CLOSING SONG

Come Heal This Land

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

THIS MORNING'S ACOLYTE: Amanda Appleton

PLEASE LET US KNOW...If you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, etc. Thank you!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Doug Nemeth (son of Dot 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), Jon King (Lisa Kulp's brother), Heather Oman (niece of The Youse/Mack Family), Richard Thompson (brother of Doris Gager), Bill (father-in-law of Sandra Handel's son), Jim & Sherry Heller and family (son of Carol Heller), Linda Wanagas, Tina Tesch (niece of Linda Wanagas), Penny McClellan (cousin of Linda Wanagas), Sheryl Moon (former South Valley Elementary School teacher).

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

Both services are live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

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with a hurting world through words and actions."*



OCTOBER 3, 2021 Holy Communion 9:00 A.M.

PRELUDE

Come Unto Me

WELCOME

Pastor Gina

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 103

Tricia Trout

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all the Lord's blessings.

Leader: God forgives all our sins.

People: God heals all our diseases.

Leader: God redeems our lives from the Pit.

People: God crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: As long as we live, God blesses us with good.

People: We are renewed and made whole!

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

SONGS OF WORSHIP:

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Garments of Praise

OPENING PRAYER

Tricia Trout

Great Healer, send your amazing Spirit into this place. Touch and heal our brokenness and lift us out of pain and despair. Dry the tears of our hurts. Comfort and nourish us with the many blessings of your powerful love. Lord God, may we flourish and blossom in the warmth of this community of faith. In Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SONGS OF WORSHIP

By His Wounds

Breathe

YOUNG DISCIPLE'S TIME

Pastor Jess

Kids of all ages are invited forward for a fun learning time in person & virtually.

CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

Pastor Gina

We welcome all who worship with us this morning. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving generously to support the ministries of FUMC and the communities we serve for Christ. You can place your offering and the Attendance Card including any special prayer requests you may have in the offering baskets located in the worship space or send them to church@meetwithGod.com.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 5:13-20

Pastors Gina and Jess

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Whole Healing

Pastor Jess

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on 2 Corinthians 1:4-5

Pastor Gina

Leader: God consoles us in all our affliction so we may be able to console those who are in affliction. For just as Christ's sufferings are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. Let us bring confession of sin and brokenness before God.
People: Merciful God, we stand in need of your healing and transforming presence in our lives. We long for wholeness but too often cannot resist the demands to compartmentalize our lives. We desire true intimacy but are afraid to be transparent, lest others judge and reject us. We want health but don't take care of our bodies and don't give our souls Sabbath rest. We need authentic, loving community but struggle to commit ourselves deeply to others. Forgive us, we pray. Heal us of our shortsightedness, of our self-hatred and denial, of our illusions of control, of the fears and stresses and anxieties that keep us from living fully as children created in your image. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor Gina

Leader: Jesus Christ heals the sick, mends the brokenhearted and forgives those who repent.

Friends, in Jesus Christ we are made whole and new.

People: To God be the glory! Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastors Gina and Jess

Gina: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers.

Gina: Let us pray for people who are suffering (pause). ...

Jess: O God, you forgive our sins and heal our diseases, give us patience as we continue through this global pandemic. According to your word, crown our lives with your steadfast love and kindness. Bring healing and relief to those who suffer; *Lord in your mercy,*

People: Hear our prayers.

Gina: Let us pray for recovery from sickness (pause). ...

Jess: O God, you are the power for the powerless, the strength for the weak and the hope for the hopeless. Hear us as we pray for those recovering from physical, emotional, and spiritual illness, that their affliction may be turned into blessing and their sorrow into joy; *Lord in your mercy,*

People: Hear our prayers.

Gina: Let us pray for a world broken by sin, hatred and strife (pause). ...

Jess: Gracious God, bring to the leaders of the nations a genuine desire for peace. Help them, and us, be able to see other people's problems through their eyes that we might have understanding; *Lord in your mercy,*

People: Hear our prayers.

Gina: Let us pray for people who need financial healing (pause). ...

Jess: Lord, in our world banks collapse, house prices fall, businesses fail, jobs are lost and many people are suffering from financial pressures. Loving God, give us the virtue of perseverance fired by hope and the love and support of family and friends. Open up before us a dry path through the waters of the sea and bring us to safe, dry ground; *Lord in your mercy,*

People: Hear our prayers.

Gina: Let us pray for those seeking guidance (pause). ...

Jess: In confusing and troubling times, and when temptation besets us from every quarter, it's easy to lose our way. But you, God, know where we are. With the psalmist we say, "Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways." Raise before us a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night as you did for your children in ancient days, thereby showing them your presence, and lead us in the path we should go; *Lord in your mercy,*

People: Hear our prayers.

Gina: Let us pray for those who will shortly request prayer and anointing (pause). ...

Jess: Lord Jesus, hear us as the elders pray and we lay our hands on your children. Send your healing touch into the bodies and souls of those seeking your help. Remove all fear and double-mindedness. Make them whole that they may glorify your name; *Lord in your mercy,*

People: Hear our prayers.

Gina: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE OIL AND ELEMENTS

Pastor Gina

BLESSING FOR ANOINTING

Pastor Gina

Bless, gracious God, each one here as we pray for one another and are anointed. May our hearts be strong in faith and overflowing in compassion; as we each become channels of your healing blessing. Amen

INVITATION TO COME FOR PRAYER

Pastors Gina and Jess