Worship Participants

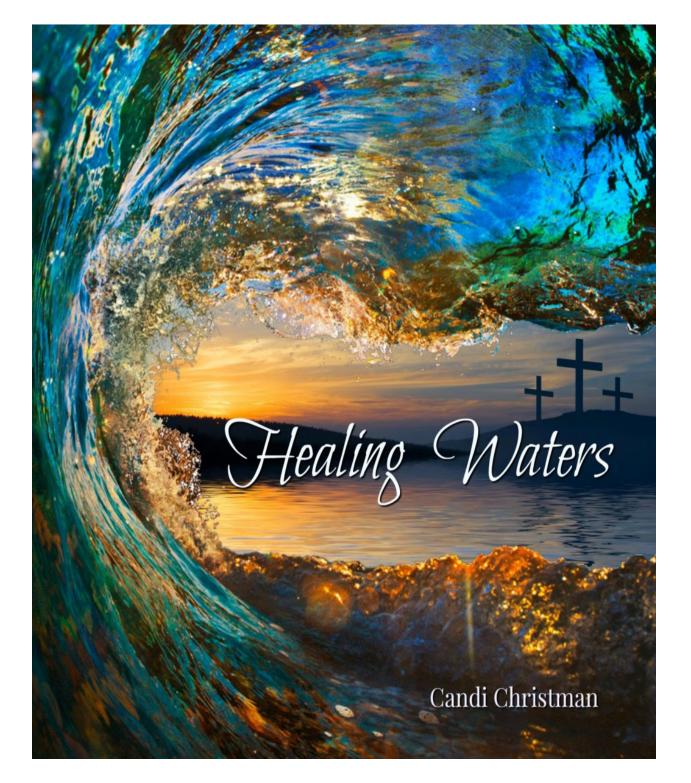
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart, Heather Perryman, David Parris, Kathy Dolianitis, Maggie Weller, Mike Reynolds, Tom Gillespie and Brenna Takata

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication/Offering

You lift us to our feet so we can walk with you, Loving God, and you fill us with your gifts so we may pour them out for those around us. Take what we offer and use them in that kingdom work which strengthens the weary, feeds the hungry, and gives hope to the despairing. Amen.

Please place your tithes and offerings in the offering plates at the front of the Sanctuary as you enter or leave.



First Presbyterian Church

February 7, 2021

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship. ***Please note: There will be no congregational singing.

Welcome and Invocation

Prelude "The Lily of the Valley" arr. Kenneth Varner

Call to Worship

We gather to worship God, whose creative imagination never fails:

For the sake of God, we will search for the outcasts.

We gather to praise our God,

whose steadfast love never weakens:

For the sake of Jesus, we will lift up all who have fallen.

We gather to offer our best to God, who walks with us through eternity:

For the sake of the Holy Spirit, we will walk with the weary.

Hymn of Summons "On Eagles Wings"" GTG#43

A Time of Reflection

We walk through life, confident, strong, boasting of all our achievements. But God sees the hurts we have inflicted on others, the weariness in our bones from chasing after bad choices, and all the foolishness we trip over in the busyness of life. Let us come to God, for the One who listens to our faltering words is the One who gives us the Word filled with grace and mercy. Join me as we pray together, saying,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

We cannot hide from you, Everlasting God, even if we were to go from one edge of creation to the next. you speak to us of compassion, but the ways in which we treat others show we have not been listening. You explain your hopes to us, and we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast, and as far, from you as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus.

Yet you search for us in all the deserted places we flee to, Never-wearied God, so you can take us by the hand to show us the way to life with you. You heal our broken hearts so we can offer them to others. You fill us with your strength so we can bind ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, following him to serve all of your children.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Have you not been listening. God never tires out, nor is there is an expiration date on God's forgiveness. God is ever with us, healing us with mercy, and strengthening us for service.

If God numbers the stars, surely our names are known by the One who loves us and offers us grace. This is indeed good news for all! Thanks be to God. Amen.

Young Disciples Kathy Dolianitis

Prayers of the People

Anthem "Healing Waters"

Scripture Reading Mark 1: 29-39

Sermon "Known by Touch—Called to Heal"

Communion Anthem: "Every Day" by Anna Laura Page

Communion of the People See Insert

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God sends us forth into the world,

so we will go to walk miles in the shoes of others.

Jesus calls us to serve everyone we meet,

so we will become all things to all people.

The Holy Spirit encourages us to let go of our gospel-given rights,

so we may breathe new life into the faint.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

May God be also with you.

People of God, open your hearts.

We open our hearts to God and to each other.

Let us give thanks to the Living God.

With joy and praise, we offer our thanks to the One who offers abundant life.

In the morning, Awakening God, you took creation and flung it to the far corners of chaos... Pastor Continues

With those so weary that cannot take another step, with those revived by your grace and hope, we lift our praises to you now and forever:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of all knowledge. All creation sings glad praises to you. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who came for our sake. Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you, Star Namer, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. He became weak, so the power of the world would be shattered ... Pastor Continues

As we search for him in our time, as we would proclaim the gospel, may we find that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, not boasting in himself; Christ was raised, the gospel lived out in him; Christ will come to take us by the hand, giving us strength.

Communion of the People

On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life, say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!'

Refrain:

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Refrain

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear: under his wings, your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

Refrain

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

Refrain

For to his angels is given a command to guard you in all of your ways, upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain