



This order of service can be used in conjunction with the service video found on the First Presbyterian Church Pottstown Pa. YouTube channel.
In preparation for this Service for Wholeness, we encourage you to think of places in the world and people in your life for whom God is inviting you to pray.
Perhaps you would like to gather a candle or two so that you can light them where you are as we light them in the sanctuary.

FPC HOUSE CHURCH

Service of Wholeness

August 23, 2020

Greetings and Introduction

Prayer of Invocation

Come Holy Spirit, you have placed yearning in our hearts, now bring healing to body, mind and spirit. Bless the heads that bow, the hands that touch, the hearts that hope. Bring healing; bring peace in the grace of your Presence. **Amen.**

Prelude **Just As I Am** -- Curry

*Gathering Words

L: We gather in your presence, Holy One,

All: in our own need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

L: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,

All: and in him you know the experience of human life.

L: We come with our faith and with our doubts;

All: we come with our hopes and with our fears.

L: We come as we are, because you have invited us;

All: and you have promised never to turn us away. (Iona Community)

*Hymn **Be Still for the Presence of the Lord**

Prayer of Confession

L: Jesus said: Ask and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be opened to you.

**All: For everyone who asks receives,
and the one who seeks finds,
and to the one who knocks it will be opened.**

L: Friends in Christ,

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Let us keep silence and consider our sins.

(silent examination of our hearts and lives)

L: O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.
Yet always in the midst of creation's glory, we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness.
It is around us in the earth, sea and sky, in the abuse of matter.
It is beside us in the broken, the hungry, the neglected and the poor,
in the betrayal of one another;
and often, deep within us, in a striving against your Spirit.

**All: O Trinity of Love, forgive us, that we may forgive one another;
Heal us, that we may become a people of healing,**

And renew us that we may be makers of peace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

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L: Friends, believe the good news:

P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

L: Jesus says, "I have come that you might have life, and your joy might be complete."

*Response

Refrain

C^{All} G Am F Dm7
Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be a -
G^{sus} G7 Em7 Am C7 F G7
fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de -
Em7 Am Dm G^{sus} C F C (F) *Fine*
fense, and God will be my Sav - ior.

Time With Children

Anthem Moments Serene Stevens

Kristen Hyde, flute

Scripture Reading Luke 5: 12-26

Reading A Dialogue Between Jesus and Peter (Iona Community)

Rob Wade, Emilio Socci

Bearing Witness

Marie Kayati

Prayers of Intercession

Prayers for the World

(as people come forward to lift up a place in the world where God's healing power is needed, you are invited where you are to light a candle and lift up a petition of intercession. Let our response to each petition be, "Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.")

Prayers for Ourselves and Those Near to Us

(As people in the sanctuary join in the laying on of hands, they sit and stand on behalf of all who are gathered and scattered. As we pray, you are invited where you are to bow your head or place your hand on someone near to you, and in the silences, name aloud or in silence those whom the Spirit brings to mind.)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

***Hymn Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

*** Benediction**

***Postlude The Lord Bless You and Keep You** arr. Rutter

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

David J. Evans

Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him now,
with reverence and fear;
In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendor He is crowned;
How awesome is the sight --
our radiant king of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace --
No work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.