

To Be Made Well

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Luke 8:26-39; Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20

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Call to Worship

L: We come to you this day, with burdens and cares in our hearts.

P: Lord, take these burdens from us and ease our souls.

L: We come to you this day, with fear and uncertainty about the future.

P: Lord, calm our fears and help us to place our trust in you.

L: Come, let us worship God whose love is abundant.

P: Let us praise the God of our salvation who watches over us always. AMEN.

-- Nancy C. Townley

L: Come into the light of God's love.

P: Fear cannot separate us from its blessing.

L: Come to the house of healing and hope.

P: God's love makes us whole.

L: Come, all who feel scattered, restless, or overwhelmed.

P: We come, longing for peace and wholeness.

L: Jesus crosses boundaries to meet one the world has cast aside.

P: We come, trusting that no place and no person is beyond God's care.

L: With a word of authority and compassion, Jesus brings calm where there was chaos.

P: We come, hoping to be restored and made whole.

L: Clothed in dignity and seated in peace, new life begins.

P: We come to worship the One who heals, restores, and sends us in love.

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Opening Prayer

Open our hearts today, O Lord, to feel the powerful strength and love you have for us. Help us to listen, not only with our ears, but with our spirits for your words of compassion and healing. Enable us to become more faithful disciples for you; for we ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

-- Nancy C. Townley

God of power and might, bring your awesome presence into our worship and our world. Open us to your wholeness and healing and embolden us to answer your call, that we might face unafraid the demons of this world. Amen.

-- Mary Scifres

Merciful God, we confess that there are parts of our lives that feel fractured and out of control. We name the fears, habits, and wounds that keep us isolated or restless. We confess, too, that we sometimes fear the cost of healing, the changes your grace may bring. Yet you come to us with compassion, calling us by name and restoring our dignity. Quiet what torments us. Heal what divides us within and among one another. Clothe us with peace and send us out to share the story of what you have done. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings life, freedom, and hope. Amen.

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Children's Message Idea

- Peace in Christ (Finding peace in Christ--utilizing the visual of the chaos of a shaken snow-globe vs the calm and visual clarity when there is calm)
- Becoming storytellers (telling what God has done--utilizing the visual and example of children's books)

Offertory Prayers

Healer of life's ills, bring healing and strength through the gifts we bring before you now. Bring hope, faith, and love, that our church may be an instrument of healing and a vessel of hope for a hurting world. Amen.

-- Mary Scifres

God of grace and restoration, you bring peace to those in need. Receive these gifts and use them to help others know your healing love. Amen.

Benedictions

Go forth in the love of God, the freedom of Christ, and the joy of the Spirit. Remember, God is with you, always. Amen.

Go now in the peace of Christ, knowing you are loved, forgiven, and sent to share that love with the world. Amen.

Suggested Hymns/Songs

UMH 369 Blessed Assurance
W&S 3154 Draw the Circle Wide
FWS 2213 Healer of Our Every Ill
FWS 2151 I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

UHM 664 Sent Forth By God's Blessing
UMH 375 There Is a Balm in Gilead
UMH 507 Through It All

Contemporary Songs

<i>Break Every Chain</i>	Jesus Culture
<i>Look What You've Done</i>	Tasha Layton
<i>My Testimony</i>	Elevation Worship
<i>No Longer Slaves</i>	Bethel Music
<i>One Day as Jesus Traveled</i>	Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Other

Visual: Chains

Resources

Abington Worship Annual 2025

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Worship Connection

-- Nancy C. Townley

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