

SCRIPTURE READINGS - SAM JONES

MATTHEW 8:1-4

SERMON

“A BIG BEAR HUG”

DAVID MULLENIX

ANTHEM- DUET BY: KENDALL & CANDACE TAYLOR

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

WORDS BY: GEORGE ELVEY
ARRANGED BY: DOUGLAS SMITH

*HYMN OF INVITATION

HE TOUCHED ME

UMH #367 v. 1 & 2
WORDS & MUSIC BY: WILLIAM J. GAITHER

1. Shackled by a heavy burden, neath a load of guilt and shame, then the hand of Jesus touched me, and now I am no longer the same.

Refrain: He touched me, O he touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

2. Since I met this blessed Savior, since he cleansed and made me whole, I will never cease to praise him; I'll shout it while eternity rolls. **[Refrain]**

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH
ON EAGLE'S WINGS

UMH #143
WORDS ATTRIBUTED TO: JOHN WESLEY
MUSIC BY: JOHN L. BELL & GRAHAM MAULE

And God 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 God's hand.

POSTLUDE

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE

By: WALTER C. SMITH



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Matthew 8: 1-4

October 19, 2025
Worship Service
Sanctuary & Online
10:00 AM

Communion is available at the alter and the elements have been blessed for anyone who would like to partake after church service is completed.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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PRELUDE "MEMORIAL PIECE" BY: HUBERT PERRY

WELCOME HOME-LIZIE ROBINSON
ANNOUNCEMENTS-LIZIE ROBINSON

*CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE* UMH #103 V. 1 & 4

WORDS BY: WALTER CHALMERS SMITH
MUSIC BY: WELSH MELODY FROM CANADA Y CYSSEGR

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*CALL TO WORSHIP-BARBARA HAYNES

O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it altogether.

I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful.

Wonderful are your works!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *O CHRIST, THE HEALER* UMH #265 v. 1, 2, & 5 WORDS BY: FRED PRATT GREEN MUSIC BY: GEISTLICHE LIEDER

1. O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?
2. From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.
5. Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH-BARBARA HAYNES

Leader: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, what do you believe?

Congregation: We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's Presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER *LORD, SPEAK TO ME*

UMH #463 V. 1 & 5
WORDS BY: FRANCES R. HAVERGAL
MUSIC ADAPT. FROM: ROBERT SCHUMANN

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; as thou has sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where, until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS *WITH NOISY OFFERING!*

*DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

UMH #94
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE MAY GO WITH LIZIE ROBINSON TO THE CONFERENCE ROOM

HYMN OF FAITH *TRUST & OBEY* UMH #467 v. 1, 2 & 3 WORDS BY: JOHN H. SAMMIS MUSIC BY: DANIEL B. TOWNER

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.
Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.
2. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay; not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. **[Refrain]**
3. But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. **[Refrain]**