



SERVICE OF HEALING AND HOPE

December 20, 2015

7:30 p.m. Worship

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THE PRELUDE Jonathan Crutchfield, Organist/Choirmaster

*** THE OPENING SENTENCES**

Drew Stockstill

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
- Isaiah 40:31

*** THE OPENING HYMN 394**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:27-31a

THE HOMILY

"Deep Peace"

Baron Mullis

INVITATION TO INTROSPECTION

Leader: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. - Romans 12:1

Here all present may ponder in silence all that is happening in their lives, and may, with renewed commitment, offer themselves and their gifts for ministry to the service of Jesus Christ in the world.

INTERCESSION FOR HEALING

Leader: God, our creator, your will for us and for all your people is health and salvation:

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus Christ, Son of God, you came that we might have life and have it in abundance:

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, you make us temples of your presence:

People: Have mercy on us.

Leader: To the triune God, the source of all love and all life, let us offer our prayers.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

LAYING ON OF HANDS AND PRAYER

Leader: Gracious God, source of all healing, in Jesus Christ you heal the sick and mend the broken.

People: By your Spirit, come upon all who receive the laying on of hands, that they may receive your healing touch and be made whole, to the glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Those wishing to receive prayer and the laying on of hands may approach the prayer stations in the front of the church. If physical infirmity prevents anyone from approaching, a team will come to your location.

THE SOLO

Veni sancte spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit)

Jacques Berthier

Megan Mashburn, soprano; Elisabeth Copeland, cello

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*** THE HYMN 522**

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

** (The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*