

Welcome home! **BAY VIEW** **LUTHERAN CHURCH** ELCA



August 29, 2021
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Healing Service
8:00 & 10:30 AM

PRELUDE: Jason Palmer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**.
<http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Here, our Beloved speaks to us;
the voice of our Beloved sounds
in our hearts:
calling us to generous acts,
to share the gifts we have been given.
Now, our Beloved speaks to us;
the voice of our Beloved sounds
in our land:
calling us to generous acts,
to open our hearts to all in need.
In every place, in every moment,
our Beloved speaks to us;
the voice of our Beloved sounds
in all creation:
calling us to generous acts,
to stand with God's people:
the least, the lost, the little, the last.

OPENING PRAYER

~ excerpted from a long prayer written by Stephen M. Fearing,
Beaumont Presbyterian Church, Lexington, KY. Posted on
Liturgy Link. <https://www.liturgylink.net/>

Gracious God,
today's scripture reminds us that words matter
and that the way we choose our words
holds within it the capacity to either harm or heal, to wound or
welcome.

In this time when words are tossed around so casually,
may our words be used to build up the Body of Christ

and share love and compassion in a broken and battered world.
Holy and Merciful God, hear our prayer.

Healing God,
we pray for those who have been hurt by words of hate:
for refugees and immigrants with or without documentation,
for women and girls who have endured words of sexism,
for people of color who hear words of racism,
for people with disabilities who are told they are "less than,"
for elderly people who are told they are useless,
for young adults who are told they are entitled, selfish, and
irresponsible.

God of the Living Word, help us speak the truth in love
and to care for one another with the words we choose to speak.
Holy and Merciful God, hear our prayer.

AMEN

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

~ written by Stephen Fearing, and posted on **Wild and Precious
Life**. <http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>

CONFESSION

Holy God,
we do not deserve to be in your dwelling place.
We have not led a blameless life.
We have not done what is right in your sight
or spoken the truth that you have sealed in our hearts.
We have done evil to both those we love
and to those we refuse to love as we should.
We have not been faithful stewards of that which we have
been blessed
and have hoarded that which should be shared
with the least of these.
Hear our cry, God of our hope,
as we confess that which weighs us down...

SILENCE

Redeeming God,

**save us from our foolishness and guide us to your wisdom.
Gather us in your righteousness and redemption.
Forgive us for we are seeking your light and your salvation.
Cleanse us of our brokenness that we might do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Because we are not worthy to enter God's dwelling,
God came to dwell with us
through the body and being of God's Son, Jesus Christ.
Christ came to be with us, amongst us, and for us.
Hear the good news of the Gospel:
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen!

GATHERING SONG: *Morning Has Broken* (ELW 556)

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our strength,

without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 *(read responsively)*

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

**²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

A reading from James.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for

orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

10:30 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

10:30 PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SERMON: Pastor Jeff Greathouse

HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Come to the Hungry Feast* (ELW 479)

- 1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.
- 3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

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HEALING SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with

prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Paul (Jacobson), **Donovan** (Antholt), **Vicki** (Wittenberg), **Mimi** (Zinngrabe), **Janet** (Mickelson), **Deanne & Chris** (Schafer), **Kevin & Cathy** (Clark), **Steven** (Leek), **Dan** (Coyhis), **Sasha** (Hill), **Fred & Darlene** (Kirch), **Sandy** (Scott-Cota), **Rusty** (Feld), **Kayla** (Fleury), **Rich** (Mickelson), **Carl** (Scholz), **Tysha** (Osborne), **Dale** (Lyndahl), **Beth** (Jacobson), **Michael** (Cassity), **Sue** (Strong), **Larry** (Uecker), **Carol** (Bockop), **Andrew** (Snyder).

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: *Healer of Our Every Ill* (ELW 612)

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. Refrain
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. Refrain
- 3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. Refrain

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. Refrain

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Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands [and anointing], grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING: HEALING

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

8:00-PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

8:00-MUSIC DURING OFFERING: Jason Palmer

OFFERING PRAYER

~ written by Rev. Michael Mair, Minister of St. David's Broomhouse, Edinburgh and posted on the Church of Scotland's Weekly Worship website. <http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/>

Giving God,
We give You thanks and praise
for all of Your gifts to us.

We know that you are the source of every good thing,
light and love come from You.
You have created us,
and you continue to breathe life into us
through the power of Your Holy Spirit.
You have given us so much,
and it is because we recognize the gifts You have given to us
that we now give to the work of Your kingdom.

We now dedicate this offering
to the work of Your kingdom here on earth.
May this collection be used wisely and diligently,
that Your love may be known widely.

As we dedicate this offering,
we offer ourselves too,
for these gifts of money are but tokens of ourselves.
Take and use us,
that our hands may reach out in service,
our feet may walk the difficult path of reconciliation,
and that our words may be words of peace.

For this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
Come!

COMMUNION

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: *Break Now the Bread of Life* (ELW 515)

- 1 Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.
- 2 Bless your own word of truth,
dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease,
all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace,
my All-in-All!
- 3 You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

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Go out, and be doers of the Word.
Cleanse your hearts of all pollution,
be quick to listen and learn,
welcome the Word that God implants in you,
and bring it to birth in acts of righteousness and compassion.
And may God pour grace upon you and bless you forever;
May Christ Jesus reveal to you the truth of God's ways;
and may the Holy Spirit fill your life with passion and love.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (ELW 543)

- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

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Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Jason Palmer

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