

O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

A SERVICE OF WHOLENESS AND HEALING

March 19, 2009

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE: “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

Leader: Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask, and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

All: Let us open our lives to God’s healing presence, forsaking all that separates us from God and neighbor.

Leader: Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of God’s grace.

CONFESSION OF SIN *Unison*

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts; cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

All: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Amen

SCRIPTURE READING: From Psalm 31

MESSAGE: Why A service of Healing?

INVITATION TO COME FORWARD TO LIGHT A PRAYER CANDLE

SONG: *O Lord, Hear Our Prayer*

HEALING INTERCESSIONS

Leader: For all who are in need of healing (silence), Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are disabled by injury or illness (silence), Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are troubled by confusion or worry (silence), Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all whose illness or increasing years bring weariness (silence), Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all about to undergo surgery (silence), Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: for those grieving the death of loved ones (silence), Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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

Leader: At this time we ask you all to pray silently for your own personal concerns. We invite you to come forward for blessing and prayer. Each person may make her or his request known to the leaders, for laying on of hands and anointing with oil.

SONG: *Jesus, Remember Me*

INVITATION TO VISIT THE SPIRITUALITY CENTER

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