

April 20, 2008

If the church is a place where believers can risk baring wounds of body and soul and where sisters and brothers are ready to dress those wounds in tenderness and prayer, God's therapeutic power will be fully apparent. —Richard Gardner, *Let Our Joys Be Known*

Gathering and Praising

Music for Meditation

*Be receptive to the Spirit of God as worship begins
with Music for Meditation*

Prelude and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

***Passing the Peace**

***Call to Worship:**

All: *This is the day the Lord has made.*

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Again today we come together to worship—
the God of creation, of salvation
of time and eternity
The God of all peoples, of all nations
of all conditions of people everywhere.

All: *Praise the Lord.*

All that is within me, praise God's holy name.

One: Praise the Lord and remember all his kindness:
in forgiving our sins;
in curing our diseases;
in saving us from destruction;
in surrounding us with love.

All: *The Lord is full of mercy and compassion.*

Praise the Lord!

***Invocation**

***Hymn:** *God is here among us* #16

First Scripture Reading: *James 5: 13-16, from The Message*

Songs of Praise: *In my life* #1027 (HS)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful #1025 (HS)

Praying

"For this we rejoice..."

"For this we pray..."

Hymn Call to Prayer *Peace, be still* #1120 (HS)

Prayer for all God's children

Proclaiming

Children's story David Hovde

Scripture: *Ephesians 5: 19-20; Philippians 4: 4-7*

Message: *Health and Wholeness 300 Years Later*

Hymn: *Healer of our every ill* #377

Offering

Invitation to Giving

Offertory Heather Eicher-Miller

***Offertory Response:** *Lord, bless the hands* #93

***Prayer of Dedication**

Sending

***Hymn:** *Thou true Vine, that heals* #373

***Benediction:**

***Sending Christ's light out into the world**

***Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

Please join us after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshment downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.