

Order of Worship February 10, 2019

**Indicates an invitation to stand as you are able.*

*The congregation is invited to respond with the words printed in **BOLD**.
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Gathering Music Gerry Craig

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Dialogue: Call to Worship

One: Friends in Christ, what hopes do you bring to worship?
All: We bring hope for health and wholeness.
One: What afflictions do you bring to worship? Physical pain?
All: From illness and injury.
One: Emotional pain?
All: From sad and scary life situations.
One: Mental Pain?
All: From dis-ease of many kinds.
One: With all of these afflictions, it's a miracle that any of us have made it to worship this morning!
All: But where else would we be? We yearn to know God's powerful love and to know that wholeness is possible.
One: In today's gospel, a person with an "afflicting spirit" interrupts Jesus.
All: And Jesus sets the person free.
One: And where does the miracle of this story and our stories begin?
All: When we bring all of who we are—Hopeful, afflicted, bold - Into relationship with the Divine.
One: So come, let us enter this sanctuary with our whole selves.
All: Hopeful, afflicted and bold.
One: Come, let us worship!

*Hymn NCH#73 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Opening Prayer of Reconciliation
O Divine Healer, we confess that sometimes we yearn for you to wave a magic wand on our wounded lives to remove our pain, illness, and suffering. We hear the gospel story of the one seeking healing from

Jesus and assume you will perform a similar miracle for all of us – if we just pray hard enough! And we do pray! Open our eyes to recognize the teachings and tools you have given us with which to seek healing in the midst of our afflictions and dis-eases. You whisper to us that wholeness requires self-care and rest; (in silence ask, what are some ways?) You nudge us toward caregivers who can support and advise us; (in silence ask, who may help us?) You breathe into us energy to move and stretch and reach toward health; (in silence ask, what are some ways?) You place in us an urgency to seek justice so that all may enjoy adequate health care; (in silence ask, what are some action?) Renew our spirits in the midst of our dis-eases and afflicting spirits. Transform us, O Whole-y One, for the health of your creation. Amen.

Scripture	Mark 1:21-28 (The Message)
Sermon	Beyond the Boundaries
*Hymn NCH #547	Amazing Grace

Pastoral Prayer
Congregation Response: **Shepherd me oh God, beyond my wants, Beyond my fears, from death into life!**

Invitation to the Offering
Offertory
*Doxology
**To God, all glorious heavenly Light,
To Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise
Our joyful songs of thankful praise.**

*Prayer of Dedication
**Transforming God, we dedicate our gifts for the health of your crea-
tion. May those who receive these gifts be blessed by your love and
inspired to give to others so that your creation will continue to be
transformed by your love. Amen.**

*Hymn NCH#311	Renew Your Church
*Benediction	
Postlude	Lead on O King Eternal

Mission Statement

- ◇ While our Christian faith is 2000 years old, our thinking is not.
- ◇ We are a people on a faith journey where grace abounds.
- ◇ We celebrate God's still speaking voice revealed in our world today.
- ◇ We worship God, share the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and practice God's unconditional love for all creation.
- ◇ We act on our faith to achieve needed works of service, justice, love and kindness.
- ◇ We support one another, celebrating our roots and enthusiastically embracing our evolving future.

Birthdays this Week

Susan Bauer	02/10
Jeanine Elliott	02/10
Nancy Macpherson	02/12
Bill Flannery	02/14
Valerie Horres	02/14
Mike Peters	02/15

Today's Worship Leaders

Readers: Jim Butler, Nick Galvan

Greeter: Janice Burris

Ushers: Jim Butler, Jeff Galvan, Richard Fowler, Donna Fowler

Chancel Visuals: Nancy Macpherson, Cathy Thoma

Coffee: Home Perk

Fellowship Food: Eliza & Kat Greenwood-Dalton

Open and Close: Jonathan Schlueter

Sound: Soren Knudsen, Tim Galvan

Announcement Slides: Diana Marsden

Nursery: Megan Lucas-Griffiths, Kathryn Fairman

PreK-1st: Dawn Bleyle, Hannah Lindsey

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