



Be whole

in body, mind,  
and spirit.



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## Welcome

## Prelude

### *Strong In the Faith*

Edward Broughton

*Strong In the Faith* by Edward Broughton

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## GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

### \* Call to Worship

<http://rev-o-lution.org/>

One: A new day has dawned, a new year begun

Many: O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice

One: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future

Many: O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path

One: We enter this new year with hope and excitement

Many: O Lord, remind us that You lead us. O Lord, guide us as  
look to You, and worship You. Amen.

### \* Opening Prayer

<http://www.ucc.org/50/pdfs/worship-resources.pdf>

O Living God of past and future, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. Amen.

\* **Opening Hymn**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

# 120 VT

Verse 1:

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

Verse 2:

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

Verse 3:

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

Verse 4:

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

Verse 5:

For each perfect gift and sign  
to this world so freely giv'n;  
graces human and divine,  
love uniting earth and heav'n: *Refrain*

**CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY**

**Time with our Children**

## Hymn

### *Calm Me, Lord*

# 680 VT

*Calm Me, Lord* by Margaret Rizza and David Adam

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Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;  
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.

Let all the tumult within me cease:  
enfold me, Lord, in your peace.

*Refrain: Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm;  
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.  
Let all the tumult within me cease:  
enfold me, Lord, enfold me in your peace.*

## Pastoral Prayer

### WORSHIP IN GIVING

## Special Music

### *Healing Places*

Rhonda Mackert

## A Prayer to the Gift Giver

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with good gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. We receive these gifts in gratitude and offer them to the world with your love, through the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Hymn

### *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

# 748 VT

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

# LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

## Scripture Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7 (CEB)

<sup>4</sup> Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. <sup>7</sup> Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

## Sermon

“Anxiety in the New Year”

## Invitation to Anointing

Brethren believe that God intends people to be whole in body, mind, and spirit. The anointing service recognizes that wholeness is experienced only as a person's relationship to God and others is open and honest. One becomes whole as his or her relationship with God and the faith community is renewed.

Anointing with oil for healing is a means to God's grace and blessing intended to bring restoration of health and wholeness.

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn for Anointing

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

# 644 VT

### Refrain:

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

Verse 1:

You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness.  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Verse 2:

In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

Verse 3:

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

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Safely Through Another Year*

Lowell Mason

*Safely through another year God has brought us on our way;  
Now we hold our blessings dear, waiting for his courts today.  
From our worldly cares set free, may we rest this year in Thee.*

*Here we come Thy name to praise; let us feel Thy presence near:  
May Thy glory meet our eyes while we in Thy house appear:  
Here afford us, Lord, a taste of our everlasting feast.*

\* Please stand as able and led



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Children’s Time.....	Sarah Hartman
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