



"I am
willing.
*Be made
clean!*"

Luke 1:41



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Welcome

Prelude

My Prayer

Bob Yonker

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

* Opening Words

<https://discoveringthejewishjesus.com>

Yahweh Rapha means: The Lord who heals. He is our healer, in both body and soul. Psalm 147:3 says, “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” This name assures each of us that [God] wants to restore us to wholeness.

* Opening Prayer

Divine Physician, healer of bodies and souls, stretch out your hand and touch us. Cleanse our hearts from the sin that separates us from you and one another. Recreate us in your own image, and restore us in Christ, so that we may run the race and receive the prize of everlasting life. Amen

* Opening Song

Healer of Our Every Ill

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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.

Refrain

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

CELEBRATE GOD'S FAMILY

Children's Time (after, children, under 5, can go to Nursery Care)

Song

Christ Be In My Mind

1 1 3 3 HWBS

Christ be in my mind and in my thinking,
Christ be in my eyes, in ev'rything I see,
Christ be in my ears and in my hearing,
Christ be in my mouth, in ev'ry word I speak,
Christ be in my heart and in my loving,
Christ be in my life, each moment that I live.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 8:22 CEB

Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then
have my people not been restored to health?

Congregational Prayer

WORSHIP IN GIVING

Special Music

How Great Thou Art

Arr. Jim Brickman

Thoughts on Giving

Psalm 103:2-3 NLT

Let all that I am praise the Lord; may I never forget the good things he does for me. He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases.

Song

He Touched Me

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Verse 1

Shackled by a heavy burden
'Neath a load of guilt and shame;
Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
And now I am no longer the same.

Refrain

*He touched me, oh, He touched me,
And oh, the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know,
He touched me, and made me whole.*

Verse 2

Since I've met this blessed Savior,
Since He's cleansed and made me whole;
Oh, I will never cease to praise Him--
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

Refrain

*He touched me, oh, He touched me,
And oh, the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know,
He touched me, and made me whole.*

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:40-45

⁴⁰ A man with a skin disease came to him begging him, and kneeling he said to him, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I am willing. Be made clean!" ⁴² Immediately the skin disease left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ After sternly warning him he sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ saying to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as a testimony to them." ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly but stayed out in the country, and people came to him from every quarter.

Sermon

"Touching the Untouchable"

Invitation to Anointing

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Song

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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Refrain:

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Verse 1:

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

Refrain:

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Verse 2:

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."

Refrain:

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

*** Benediction**

Moira Laidlaw

Go, confident in the knowledge of God's steadfast love for you,
assured of the healing touch of Jesus upon you and emboldened
by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within you.

Postlude

Healing Places

Rhonda Mackert

* Please stand as able and led



Ministers	All Members
Pastor.....	David Whitten
Worship Leader.....	Barbara Beers
Children's Time.....	Sarah Hartman
Special Music.....	Ken Heatwole
Guitarist.....	David Whitten
Pianist	Ken Heatwole
Violinist	Bill Kinzie
Tech & Media Director.....	Kevin Beers