



# Sunday Morning Worship Celebration

December 28, 2025 -  
Christmastide |  
Matthew 8:1-4 - "The  
Healing Touch"

## Gathering

### Prelude

### Announcements

### Praise

### Call to Worship | From Isaiah 9 and Psalm 98

#### Leader:

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

#### People:

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

#### Leader:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

#### People:

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

## The Invocation

*Praise | Joy To The World* [ Sufjan Stevens ]

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*Praise | Come Thou Almighty King (Open Our Hearts)* [ Default Arrangement ]

## Confession & Assurance

### Need of Confession | 1 John 1:8-9

"Though the true Light has come into the world, we still walk in darkness when we deny our sin."

[8] If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### Corporate Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind

and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Apart from your grace, there is no health in us. In your mercy, forgive what we have been and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your light, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Personal Confession of Sin

### Assurance of Pardon | Titus 3:4-7

[4] But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, [5] he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, [6] whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, [7] so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### *Spiritual Song | Go Tell It On The Mountain* [ A. Whitaker ]

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## Corporate Prayer & Giving

### The Lord's Prayer (unison) / Pastoral Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us the day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, amen.

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory | "The First Noel"

Arranged by Marilyn Ham.

### *Doxology* [ Default Arrangement ]

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## Hearing of the Word

### Sermon | Matthew 8:1–4 - "The Healing Touch"

[1] When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. [2] And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." [3] And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. [4] And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

### Affirmation of Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 21

#### Q. 21. Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

### *Hymn of Response | May The Mind Of Christ My Savior* [ Dan Kreider ]

**Sending**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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