



Prayer of Confession (in unison)

O God you bring healing to our lives and comfort to our hearts. Forgive us, O Lord, when we contribute to the things that break your heart. You would have us share your gifts with the world, but we keep them close and our hearts closed. You would have us live in faithful community, but we isolate ourselves and eye our neighbors with mistrust. You would have us see all people as our siblings, but we separate ourselves from anyone who challenges our comfort. Forgive us, O God, by your grace, and empower us to be agents of your grace.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon...

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel,  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

Sung Response to Confession “*Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart*” (refrain)

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(TEXT: Pashto hymn; trans. Alison Blenkinsop, 1995; MUSIC: Anon.; arr. Geoff Weaver, 1995; Text © 1995 Alison Blenkinsop; Music Arr. © 1995 Jubilate Group (admin. Hope Publishing Company)

“*O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come*”

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;  
Yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world’s disease;  
Our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

(WORDS: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), MUSIC: Robert A. Schumann (1810-1856), words © 1969 Hope Publishing Company)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**The Lord’s 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 this 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.

Sung Response

“*Healer of Our Every Ill*” (Refrain)

Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

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Special music

“*Stand By Me*”  
Anne Portrey

Charles A. Tindley

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*“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”*

You are my strength when I am weak;  
You are the treasure that I seek;  
You are my all in all.  
When I fall down, you pick me up;  
When I am dry, you fill my cup;  
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!  
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Scripture

Matthew 9:1-8

Message

*“The Harder Way”*

Pastor John

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you;

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Distribution of the Elements

Benediction

Brothers and sisters, as the Church of Jesus Christ, go from this place...

**Knowing Christ, growing in God’s love, and serving as  
the Holy Spirit leads.**

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**Wednesday Night Bible Study**, at 7:00pm via Zoom.

Topic: Charles Town Presbyterian Church Bible Study

<https://zoom.us/j/96202042739?pwd=ZWt5aUhJYlBOVHJObE1RYmFoT2llQT09>

Meeting ID: 962 0204 2739

Passcode: 021517

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