

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS  
JULY 30, 2023

### GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

#### WELCOME

#### SILENT MEDITATION

#### CHORAL INTROIT

Hope in Me (Isaiah 40:21-31)

Have you not known me from the beginning?  
Have you not heard it since life began?  
I am the everlasting Creator,  
heaven and earth sprang forth from my hand.

Hope in me and you will be strengthened. Run every race and I will revive.  
Walk without fainting, mount up as eagles. Hope in me, for I am God.

Look at the sky and try to imagine  
who could have formed the stars and the sun.  
All you can see, and more that is hidden,  
I chose their orbits, I named each one.

Although it seems your pathways are hidden,  
I will bring peace to the future you dread.  
I made the earth, the seas, and the heavens;  
I can give strength what lies ahead.

# CALL TO WORSHIP

James 5:13-15

Are any among you suffering?

**Then let us pray.**

Are any cheerful?

**Then let us sing songs of praise.**

Are any among you sick?

**Then let us pray for each other,  
asking for God's healing touch.**

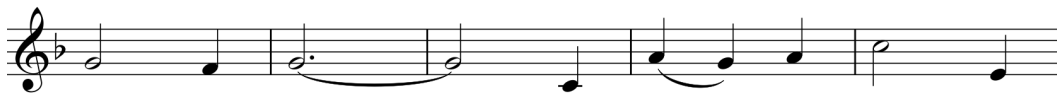
The prayer of faith will save us  
and God will lift us up.

## HYMN | STANDING

O God, to You I Cry in Pain



1. O God, to you I cry in pain when sick - ness
2. Give me the strength to face my ill, to trust in
3. Re - mind me I am not a - lone, when suf - fering
4. With - in the com - fort and the love that hu - man
5. Al - low my mind to rest in you, and let your



makes me weak, when mind and bod - y  
skill and care, to bless the hands that  
makes its mark; be pres - ent at my  
touch can give, re - store in me a  
peace per - vade to hold me in your



out of tune, bring fears I can - not speak.  
help me heal, and find your Spir - it there.  
pil - lows side, and help me through the dark.  
larg - er sense of what it is to live.  
great - er pow'r, and not to be a - fraid.

## OPENING PRAYER | STANDING

Loving God,  
in whom all things are made whole,  
you sent Jesus our Savior to heal a broken world.  
Visit us today with your salvation,  
that we may be blessed  
in body, mind, and spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## WORD

### SCRIPTURE | READ RESPONSIVELY

Psalms 139:1-18, 23-24

Lord, you have examined me and you know me.  
You know me at rest and in action;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You trace my journeying and my resting-places,  
and are familiar with all the paths I take.**

For there is not a word that I speak  
but you, Lord, know all about it.

**You keep close guard behind and before me  
and place your hand upon me.**

Knowledge so wonderful is beyond my grasp;  
it is so lofty I cannot reach it.

**Where can I escape from your spirit,  
where can I flee from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

If I travel to the limits of the east,  
or dwell at the bounds of the western sea,  
even there your hand will be guiding me,  
your right hand holding me fast.

**If I say, “Surely darkness will steal over me,  
and the day around me turn to night,”  
darkness is not too dark for you  
and night is as light as day;  
to you both the dark and light are one.**

It was you who fashioned my inmost parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.  
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
You are wonderful, and wonderful are your works.

**You know me through and through:  
my body was no mystery to you,  
when I was formed in secret,  
woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes foresaw my deeds.  
and they were all recorded in your book;  
my life was fashioned before it had come into being.

**How mysterious, O God, are your thoughts to me,  
how vast in number they are!**

**Were I to try counting them,  
they would be more than the grains of sand.**

**I awake, and I am still with you.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me, and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any hurtful way in me,  
and lead me in the everlasting way.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SONG**

## O God, You Search Me



1. O God, you search me and you know me.
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5. For you cre - a - ted me and shaped me,



All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.  
 You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,  
 you have known its mean - ing through and through.  
 still I search for shel - ter from your light.  
 gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:  
 and with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:  
 You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:  
 There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:  
 For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



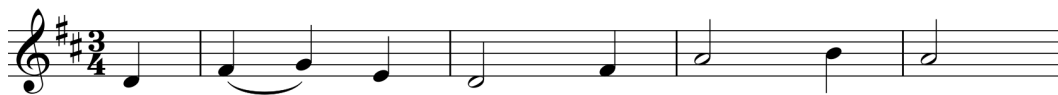
ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.  
 in ev - 'ry mo - ment of life and death, you are.  
 God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.  
 e - ven the dark - ness is ra - dian in your sight.  
 safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

*Children (K-6) are dismissed to Sunday School following the scripture readings.*

**SERMON**

"Known by the Healer"

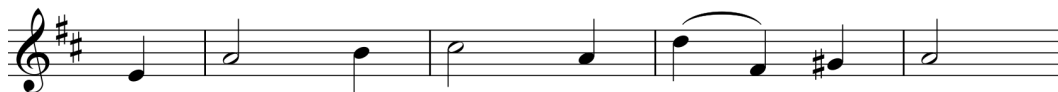
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1. We can - not mea - sure how you heal  
 2. The pain\_\_ that will not go a - way,  
 3. But pre - sent too is love that tends  
 4. So some\_\_ have come who need your help  
 5. Lord, let\_\_ your Spir - it meet us here



or an - swer ev - 'ry suf - ferer's prayer,  
 the guilt that clings from things\_\_ long past,\_\_  
 the hurt we nev - er hoped\_\_ to find,\_\_  
 and some have come to make\_\_ a - mends,  
 to mend the bod - y, mind,\_\_ and soul,\_\_



yet we be - lieve your grace\_\_ re - sponds  
 the fear of what the fu - ture holds,  
 the pri - vate ag - o - nies\_\_ in - side,  
 as hands which shaped and saved\_\_ the world  
 to dis - en - tan - gle peace\_\_ from pain,



where faith and doubt u - nite\_\_ to care.  
 are pre - sent as if meant\_\_ to last.  
 the mem - o - ries that haunt\_\_ the mind.  
 are pre - sent in the touch\_\_ of friends.  
 and make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Christ our Savior, born for us,  
bring healing and peace to all people.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, baptized in the Jordan,  
give hope to all who come to you.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, tested in the desert,  
give courage to those who are tempted.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, who comforted and healed,  
bring wholeness to all who are broken.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, who hung in agony on the cross,  
bring strength to those who suffer.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, who died to save us,  
give peace to all who face death.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, raised from the tomb,  
bring light and life to all the world.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, present among your disciples,  
unite all your people in love.

**Lord, have mercy.**

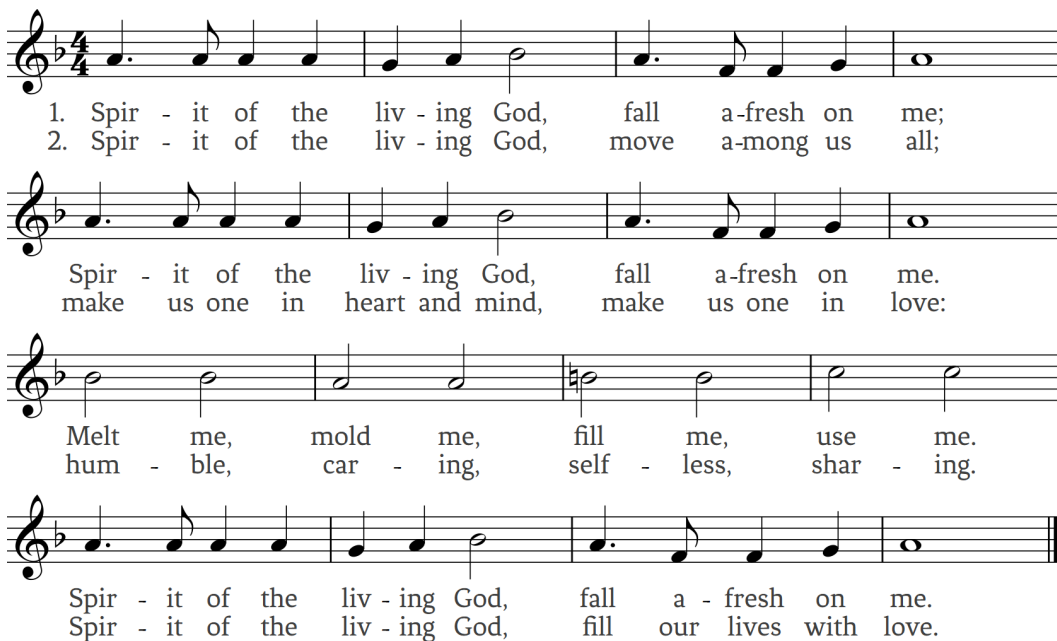
Holy God,  
you give life to all;  
you meet us in our need  
and bring hope to those who look to you.  
Give peace to our hearts and minds  
as we pray to you with confidence in the words that Jesus gave us...

## 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.

## PRAYER SONG

Spirit of the Living God



1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;  
2. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.  
Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love.



## ANOINTING WITH OIL

This is God's word, the word of the Creator:

"Do not be afraid; I will save you.

I have called you by name, and you are mine.

When you pass through the deep waters, I will be with you;  
your troubles will not overwhelm you."

So come with your fears and your hopes,  
come with your sadness and your regrets,  
come with your pain and your doubt,  
come with whatever faith you have.

Whether the storm is around you or within,  
the Savior holds you;  
you are not alone.

*Those desiring the laying on of hands and anointing with oil are invited to come forward. If you are not coming forward, you are invited to hold in prayer those who are in need of healing.*

## PRAYER

**Loving God,  
we pray that our brothers and sisters  
may be comforted in their suffering and made whole.  
When they are afraid, give them courage;  
when they feel weak, grant them your strength;  
when they are afflicted, afford them patience;  
when they are lost, offer them hope;  
and when they are alone, move us to their side.  
In the name of Jesus we pray.  
Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE | STANDING

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

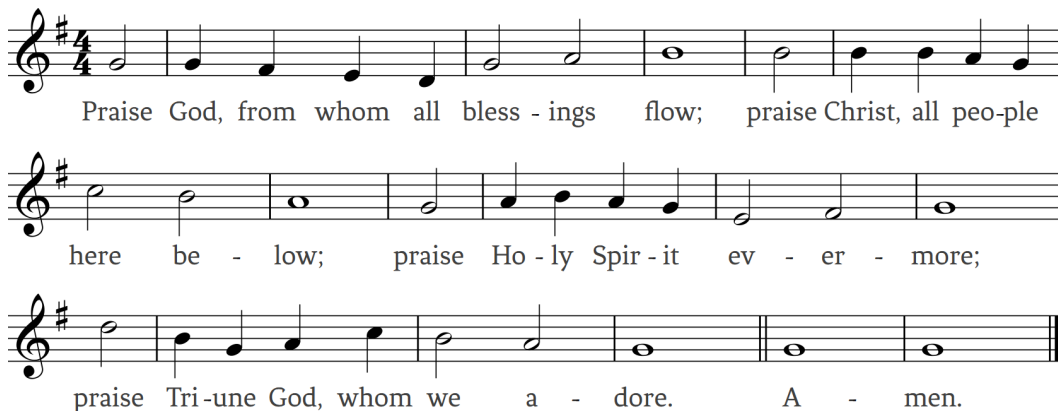
**Peace, Salaam, Shalom**

# THANKSGIVING

## OFFERING

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

## DOXOLOGY | STANDING



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo-ple  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri-une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Generous God,

you gave us life;

now we give our lives back to you.

**We present ourselves:**

**our work and play,**

**our joys and sorrows,**

**our thoughts and deeds,**

**our gifts and resources,**

**to be used by you**

**for the sake of all people everywhere,**

**through Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

# SENDING

CLOSING SONG | STANDING

Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One; give



thanks\_ be-cause we're giv - en\_ Je-sus Christ, the\_ Son. Give



Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong." Let the



poor say, "We are rich be - cause of what the Lord has done for\_\_



us!" And us!" Give thanks\_\_\_\_ Give\_ thanks\_\_\_\_

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION | STANDING

POSTLUDE

## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

*Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org). Sign up at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org) to receive our weekly email.*

### **MEN'S SMALL GROUP (CONFERENCE B)**

Saturdays @ 8:30am

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE C)**

Saturdays @ 10am

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)**

Tuesdays @ 7am

### **BIBLE STUDY (CONFERENCE B)**

Wednesdays @ 11am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **OFFERING**

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## SERVING TODAY

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Greeters:

Lectors: Barbara Scott

Prayer Leader: Liz Berwanger

Musicians: Kyra Kornfeld, Bryan Wlas,

Daniel Rausch

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