

# Sabbath Healing

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11:15am

## We Call Upon the Lord!

### House of the Lord

We worship the God who was, We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors, He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory

CHORUS: There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today,  
And we won't be quiet (WOO!) We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet (WOO!) We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals,  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away  
(Chorus)

('Cause) We were the beggars, Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners, Now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (Chorus)

## **I Will Follow**

All Your ways are good, All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight, High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

**CHORUS: Where You go I'll go, Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move,  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love, How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You  
Yeah I will follow You yeah**

Light into the world, Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone, in You alone (Chorus)

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow

# We Hear God's Guidance!

## Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:9-14, NRSV

9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
10 if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
11 The Lord will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
13 If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
14 then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of God for the people of God:  
**Thanks be to God**

**Small Talk & Noisy Offering**

**Sermon**

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**Graves Into Gardens**

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never  
enough

Then You came along and put me back together  
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

**CHORUS: Oh there's nothing better than You**  
**There's nothing better than You**  
**Lord there's nothing**  
**Nothing is better than You**

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws, Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend  
'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley  
There's not a place  
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing, You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory, You're the only one who can  
You turn graves into gardens, You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways, You're the only one who can  
(Chorus)

# Like a Watered Garden, God Satisfies Our Needs

## Invitation to Communion

### Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah's people--the people of Israel returning home from long exile--  
sought in the Prophet's words guidance for building God's kin-dom:

Offer food to the hungry, Reach out to the afflicted,  
Remove the yokes of oppression and injustice,  
Overcome despair and complaint in struggle.

We too, struggle with this guidance,  
and too often fail in our attempts to build community.

**Holy One, forgive us.**

Take away whatever holds us back from relationship with you and one another.

In our sacred time with you, show us the way to confidence and generosity

so that we may be known as your people:

Repairers of the broken places and

Restorers of streets to safety and peace.

**O God, with your help we can change and bring you glory.**

Silence is kept

Though we may have strayed or been distracted, when we come to Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, we can be sure that the kin-dom we are offered cannot be shaken. We will not be abandoned; indeed we will have

continual guidance. Each time we feed the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted we grow in the strength of our faith and our bond with God. We are changed. This simple miracle is made available to all of us, God's children. **Thanks be to God!**

## **\*Passing the Peace**

### **Offering & Offertory**

Kim Spivey

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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### **Receiving Bread and Cup**

## **Communion**

Take me back to the garden  
Lead me back to the moment I heard Your voice  
Take me back to communion  
Lead me back to the moment I saw Your face  
And it was oh so simple. It was easy to love  
No space between us. It was easy to trust

**CHORUS: 'Cause You are closer closer than my skin  
And You are in the air I'm breathing in  
And here's where the dead things come back to living  
I feel my heart beating again  
It feels so good to know You are my friend**

This is the garden  
Here in the place I find You close  
This is communion  
Here in the place I'm fully known

And it was oh so simple. You're so easy to love  
No space between us. You're so easy to trust (Chorus)

This is where I'm meant to be  
Me in You and You in me  
I don't have to prove a thing  
You've already approved of me

## **We Go Forth, Repairers of the Breach**

### **Prayer After Receiving**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

### **\*Dismissal with Blessing**