

# Sabbath Healing

August 24, 2025  
9:00am

## ENTRANCE

### \*Introit

Sweet, Sweet Spirit  
Doris Akers

UMH #334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,  
When we shall leave this place.

### \*Call to Worship

We have gathered in this place to worship,  
**because Jesus invites us to come!**

We come as we are,  
with our faith and our doubts,  
with our successes and our failures,  
**because Jesus invites us to come!**

We come with what we have,  
bringing with us the events  
and experiences of this past week,  
**because Jesus invites us to come.**

Come to me,  
all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
Let's worship God together.

**\*Hymn of Praise**    Come! Everybody Worship    TFWS #2271  
by Natalie Sleeth

**REFRAIN: Come! Come! Everybody worship  
with a prayer or song of praise!  
Come! Come! Everybody worship,  
worship God always!**

Worship and remember to keep the Sabbath day  
Take a rest and think of God, put your work away (Refrain)

Worship and remember the Lord's unending care  
Reaching out to love and help people everywhere (Refrain)

Worship and remember your blessings great and small  
Give to God an offering; show your thanks for all (Refrain)

Worship and remember how Jesus long ago  
Taught us how to talk to God, something we should know  
(Refrain)

Worship and remember that God is like a light  
Showing you the way to go, ever burning bright (Refrain)

## PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

### Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**The Word in Song**

Sabbath Rest

Chancel Choir

### 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**

Sabbath Healing

Rev. Jon Snape

**\*Hymn of Response**

Be Thou My Vision

UMH #451

Hymn by Mary E. Byrne; Tune: SLANE

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day and by night  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art

Great God of heaven, my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

## THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

### 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

**\*Doxology**

UMH #95

**The Great Thanksgiving**

UMH pages 15-16

**Receiving Bread and Cup**

## **SENDING FORTH**

**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**

**\*Closing Hymn**

I Want to Walk  
as a Child of the Light  
by Kathleen Thomerson

UMH #206

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God set the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus

**REFRAIN: In him there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus**