

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

The First Sunday of Epiphany

January 10, 2021

**“You are
designed
to heal”**

Bookend Healings

JANUARY 10, 2021
ORDER OF SERVICE

PRELUDE *Be Still and Know (Fred Bock)/There is a Balm in Gilead (Joseph Martin)*
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alayne F. McNulty

One Voice: God is gracious to us and we are blessed.
Many Voices: **God's face shines upon us and gives us peace.**
One Voice: In this moment of worship, Our God, we ask You to meet us here.
Many Voices: **We desire to hear Your voice and to feel Your presence.**
One Voice: We need to know the way You wish to walk. We are open to Your will.
All Voices: ***We offer our whole selves as we worship and praise Your name. Amen.***

OPENING HYMN

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer
Sing, O earth, His wonderful, love proclaim
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest archangels in glory
Strength and honor give to His holy name

Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children
In His arms He carries them all day long
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness
Praise Him! Praise Him! Ever in joyful song

SCRIPTURE:

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Mark 8:22 - 26

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around." Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."

Mark 10:46 - 52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

One Voice: The word of God, for the people of God.
Many Voices: **Thanks be to God.**

GLORIA PATRI

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Glory to the Father, glory to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be, world without end. Amen

CHILDREN'S MOMENT and 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

GATHERING the JOYS and CONCERNS of the CHURCH

CALL to PRAYER

SILENT PETITIONS and PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

Just As I Am

This traditional hymn of the church is set to new words and music by Don Besig and Nancy Price

Through all the trials which life send my way, through all the troubles I face each day
Shadows and clouds may bring doubt and fear, but Lord, I know, You are near.

Sometimes the darkness seems empty and cold, sometimes I search for a hand to hold.
Lost and uncertain of what to do, I find my courage in You.

Just as I am, without one please, for You, O Lord will comfort me.
Your love alone will set me free, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I am not worthy, but still you forgive, teaching me patiently how to live.
Humble and thankful, I come to You, with love so faithful and true.

Just as I am, without one please, for You, O Lord will comfort me.
Your love alone will set me free, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

One Voice: May the words of my mouth,

All Voices: **And the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Amen.** *(Psalm 19)*

SERMON

Bookend Healings

Rev. Zina Jacque

BENEDICTION



BOOKEND HEALINGS

What's between these two texts in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, according to Mark?

MARK

8:22 - 26

JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN AT BETHSAIDA

- 8:27 – 33 Peter declares who Jesus is. Then, immediately messes up by REBUKING Jesus as the Messiah teaches about his coming death on the cross! *This is where Jesus calls Peter Satan. Oh My!*
- 8:34 – 9:1 Jesus describes the “way of the cross” and tells his disciples to follow him requires them to take up their crosses. *They are silent after this teaching*
- 9:2 – 9:13 The Transfiguration of Jesus. Moses and Elijah (representing the law and the prophets) are seen with Jesus in a dazzling display. But then Peter, James and John, out of fear babble on about building booths. *At least after this moment the disciples ask questions.*
- 9:14 – 9:29 A father brings his child to the disciples to be healed, and they cannot do so. The father turns to Jesus and Jesus says to him, “Everything is possible for one who believes.” The father, in simplicity and elegance says, “Lord, I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief.” *The boy is healed and the disciples still have questions about why they were not successful.*
- 9:30 – 9:37 **For the second time**, Jesus tells the disciples about his impending death and the disciples follow this important word by arguing about who among them is the greatest. *They just don't get it.*
- 9:38 – 9:41 The disciples are MAD because someone else is casting out demons in Jesus name. Jesus tells them whoever is not against them is for them. *I am not sure they get it, still.*
- 9:42 – 9:49 Jesus warns about causing little ones to stumble and even about allowing parts of one's own body to cause stumbling. *What do you think the disciples were thinking now?*
- 10:1 – 10:12 A treatise on divorce. What God has joined together, let no one separate. *Wonder if any of the disciples were divorced.*
- 10:13 – 10:16 The kingdom of heaven belongs to the children. *Jesus blesses the children inviting the disciples to see themselves as children of God.*
- 10:17 – 10:31 The story of the Rich Ruler who comes to Jesus asking what must he must do to inherit eternal life? Jesus, in essence, says do not cling to the things of earth. He ends this section by noting the order of the Kingdom is reversed, those who were once first will now be last and those who were last, will now be first.
- 10:32 – 10:34 **For the third time**, Jesus predicts his death. *Yep, again, the disciples are silent.*
- 10:35 – 10:45 Right after Jesus tells them of his death, James and John ask if they can get special treatment and sit at the right and left hand of Jesus. He suggests that they might not want that “spot” and the rest of the disciples were not pleased with them. *What a group of “disciples”.*

