

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 24, 2021

**“You are
designed
to heal”**

Healing Rest

ORDER OF SERVICE
JANUARY 24, 2021

PRELUDE *The Healing Hand of God (Franklin Ritter)/The Heaven of Rest (Benton Price)*
 Like A River Glorious (Lloyd Larson)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carol Marsh

One Voice: God has called us to this place of peace and quiet.
Many Voices: **We come, eager for rest and hope.**
One Voice: The Lord is always with us, offering us refreshment for our souls.
Many Voices: **Let us partake of this wondrous gift.**
One Voice: It is the gift of the Lord’s love for us. Everyone, come and rest.
ALL VOICES: ***Praise God for the absolute compassion of God’s love. AMEN.***

OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to the Father

Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,
Sing praise to the Spirit, great God, Three in One.
The God of Salvation, of glory, of grace,
Who wrought our redemption – my soul, sing His praise!

Bless the Lord bless the Lord, bless the Lord, O my soul,
For the grace that redeems us, for the love that makes whole.
O come and adore Him, His glories proclaim.
And worship before him – the Lord is His name!

SCRIPTURE:
Exodus 31: 12-18

Carol Marsh

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the Lord, who makes you holy. “Observe the Sabbath, because it is holy to you. Anyone who desecrates it is to be put to death; those who do any work on that day must be cut off from their people. For six days work is to be done, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day is to be put to death. The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant. It will be a sign between me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed.” When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the covenant law, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God.

Mark 6:31-32

And [Jesus] said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest awhile.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure, even to eat. So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

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

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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

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

Lord, listen to Your children praying. Lord, send Your spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to Your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

SILENT PETITIONS and PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

Balm in Gilead

The Prophet, Jeremiah, asks is there no balm in Gilead . . . Is there no healing for the wound of my people? (Jeremiah 8:22). Benjamin Harlan has taken the traditional spiritual which supplies an answer and offered it a new musical setting.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work’s in vain. But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again.

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul, just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all.

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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

Healing Rest

Rev. Zina Jacque

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

To the Glory of God

Gerald Peterson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING BOX FOR DR. SAMI

Please send any thoughts, cards, letters, blessings, prayers for Dr. Sami to the Church by February 3rd. We will assemble a box of blessings and send to her for Valentine's Day. Thank you for helping us share our good thoughts with our sister.

ANNUAL MEEITNG

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for our (virtual) annual meeting, after worship on Sunday, January 31st. We will continue our Facebook feed, after worship concludes. We welcome all into our meeting, however members of the church will be invited to vote on the budget and any other business of importance. If you have not received your Annual Meeting Packet or the Newsletter, please call the office and let us know so we can supply you with the items you need. The office phone # is 847 381 1294.

PRODUCE SUNDAY

Produce Sunday is today, January 24th. You are welcome to bring produce by the office on Tuesday morning, January 26th and we will take all of our produce to the Barrington Township at 2 pm on Tuesday.

WHAT DID WE LEARN IN 2020

From Another of Our Sisters in Christ.

I have learned that I am amazingly blessed. I have good health, a nice place to live, food and clothes, many friends and a loving family, an active church, meaningful things to do, and some entertaining things to do too. Being more careful with my spending has not been a hardship, not the lack of acquiring clothes, books or things. Being alone more than ever before has led to an appreciation of emails, phone calls and texts to keep in touch. Also, I have an even greater appreciation of those folks with essential jobs – grocery clerks, postal workers, Amazon delivery people, and of course all medical people. I guess to sum it up, I have become more aware of all of the blessings, and much more grateful.

From one of our Sisters in Christ

[I learned] our country is divided. I am so saddened to see the vast inequality all around us and how hate has risen. We need to come together – to care for one another. My hope is that our country will pull together and begin to care for one another. Help those who need help. Be thankful for what we have and not think of what we don't have. To love one another even if we are different from one another.

From a Beautiful Married Couple

Because of our age and the circumstances that occurred in March and April of 2020, we learned to take it all in, one day at a time. The song, of the same name, guides us. *One day at a time, Sweet Jesus, that's all we're asking from you. Just give us the strength, to do every day, what we have to do. Yesterday's gone, Sweet Jesus, and tomorrow may never be ours. Lord help us today, show us the way, one day at a time.*

From a brother in Christ

I learned that there is work for each of us to do. No matter how small or invisible. Each day, I can ask God for my assignment and I can try and make sure I do that thing. And if I do not hear God's voice that day, I still know I can be kind, I can smile at people, I can tell a joke or too to make someone else smile, I can support organizations that help others (like dropping my change in the slot at McDonald's). And, of course I can pray. Pastor Zina always says use the newspaper or the evening news as a source of prayer. I try and pick one story every day, and when the news is off, to pray for the people in that story. That is some of the work I try to do.