

**CELEBRATING THE SABBATH**  
**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

July 18, 2021 at 9 o'clock



*(they) begged Jesus that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak;  
and all who touched it were healed.*

Mark 6:56b

PRELUDES

*Sing and Praise the Lord*

*My Lord, What a Morning*  
The Praise and Glory Quartet

SHARING OUR WELCOME

WE COME TO WORSHIP

Jesus took his disciples to a place by themselves, to rest and to be restored.

**So we come to worship after the week's work, seeking the renewal of our souls.**

Let us redirect our attention now to the quiet nudging of God's spirit,

**to the music of God's voice, to the power of God's word, to the healing of God's love.**

As we gather now, let us encourage one another to relax into the healing that faith brings,

**and to welcome the new thing that God is doing in the world, in our church, and in our lives.**

EWA

HYMN

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

Led by the Glory Gospel Quartet

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\*OPENING PRAYER

**Steadfast God,  
your prophets set the plumb line  
of your righteousness and truth  
in the midst of your people.**

**Grant us the courage to judge ourselves against it.**

**Straighten all that is crooked or warped within us  
until our hearts and souls stretch upright,**

**healed and holy,**

**to meet the glory of Christ. Amen.**

A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Lauren Dube

SELECTION

*Ezekiel Saw the Wheel*  
The Glory Gospel Quartet

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Mark 6:30-34, 53-56](#)

Ray Epps

SERMON

*Healing Past, Present, and Future Generations*

Erica Avena

A TIME OF 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.**

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

Knitting Group

\*HYMN NO. 25

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, verses: 1,3,5*  
Join as you are able!

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Lobe den Herren*  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Johann Walther

Members of the Praise and Glory Quartet include:

Eve Schmitt – tenor  
Steve Azzaro – lead  
Tom Chaika – baritone  
Robert Ball – bass

*Questions for Reflection and Conversation:*

- Over the course of the pandemic, what have you needed to do to guard and support your own health?
- If you could ask Jesus to heal one thing in your life, what would it be?
- In your view, what is the one area of healing that would have the widest impact?