



Columbus, Ohio



Jesus Heals a Lame Man

January 10, 2021 – 11:00 AM

***Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community
sharing the glory of God's love with all.***

Piano Prelude – How Can I Keep From Singing? arranged by Helvey
a time of meditation, preparing our hearts to be open to God Katie Wynkoop

Welcome - We welcome Rev. Kyle Doeblen as our Guest Preacher this morning. Kyle serves as Associate Pastor for Discipleship at Liberty Presbyterian Church in Delaware. Kyle was the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Liaison to our Pastor Nominating Committee that led to our calling Rev. Joel Esala. He will begin his call with us tomorrow. Praise the Lord!

Announcements – I am Elder Tori Vazquez, liturgist for today. I chair the Spiritual Development & Adult Learning Commission of our church. Our soloist is Whitney Dodds.
Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship

But if I'm willing to sit with the uncomfortable truths at the heart of this week's Gospel story, maybe I can come to know that Jesus's desires for me aren't murky and two-sided like mine are. *He wants me to be made well.* Period. He wants me to walk again. To thrive again. To *live* again. He wants to deliver me from the paralysis of my past, my baggage, my fear, my laziness. He wants me to *want*, and to want fiercely. He wants me to say, "Yes." Do you want to be made well? Yes. Let us worship Jesus, the Great Physician, healer of minds, bodies and souls.

Hymn of Praise # 796 We Come to You for Healing, Lord

We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.
You touch us through physician's skills, through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
We come to you, O loving Lord, in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days your grace will heal, sustain.

Call to Confession

We have no choice, but to come clean with God. We know God knows and see all things. God also knows it is we who need to speak our sins in order to receive forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession - based on Debie Thomas' "The Question That Hurts"

Forgive us, Lord, for blaming the victims. You had compassion on all who were sick or disabled. Help me to trust you with all my heart. Take away the cultural misunderstandings

of disease. Why do we spend so many years in pain for diseases of mind or body that we refuse to face. Take away our rationalizations and excuses. Show us how to reach up to you. Lord, I want to be made well. Hear my silent prayers

Silent Prayers Amen.

Assurance of Pardon – from Sarah Starr's Advent devotional

Give to us all a clean heart, O Lord,
For we who have wandered away;
Worried and angry and sad and dismayed,
Forgetting forgiveness has stayed."

In Jesus Christ we are to live and act as God's forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

The Word - "Listen to the Word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand," (Anon. from hymn #455 "Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken")

Reading from the Old Testament – Psalm 6

Talk with Children – Erin Wise, Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

Gospel Reading – John 5:1-18

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon – **Would you like to get well?**

"When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?'" (John 5:6)
grace, wellness, discipleship, new life

Rev. Kyle Doeblen, Guest Preacher

Associate Pastor for Discipleship, Liberty Presbyterian Church, Delaware

Pastoral Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Musical offering Devotion arranged by Courtney Whitney Dodds

Call to Stewardship –

"The church is only the church when it exists for others" (Dietrich Bonhoeffer) Let us receive our gifts for God's work in and through our church.

Prayer of Dedication

Take our ordinary gifts and make them extraordinary. Take our volunteered minutes and multiply them into hours. Take our small talents and multiply them into huge happenings. Take our dollars and multiply them into fortunes. As you multiplied the fish and loaves, multiply our gifts because we give together into your hands. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn # 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning, new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Media insert – “God's Doing a New Thing” - the year is 2036

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Charge & Benediction

Postlude O God, Our Help in Ages Past arranged by Rouse Katie Wynkoop

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Cherie Brooks – Director of Music Katie Wynkoop – Organist/Pianist & Assistant Director of Music

Erin Wise – Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

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Rev. Joel Esala – Pastor beginning January 11th

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