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Jesus is a Healer

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Welcome

Prelude "Adagio" from Little Suite by English Composers Theodore Alyard

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11am on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come, ready to spend time with each other, and with God.**

Leader: Welcome, people of God, surely God has noticed that you are here!

People: **God pays attention to us. God knows we are here, and God knows our needs. When our needs are met, we can go and meet the needs of others.**

Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1, 2, 3, and 6)

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - somed from the
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the
 4. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial
 5. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar
 6. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may

fall, let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring forth the roy - al
 fall, ye ran - somed from the fall, hail him who saves you
 gall, the worm - wood and the gall, go spread your tro - phies
 ball, on this ter - res - trial ball, to him all maj - es -
 call, who from his al - tar call; ex - tol the Stem of
 fall, we at his feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er -

di - a - dem, and crown him,
 by his grace, and crown him,
 at his feet, and crown him,
 ty as - crite, and crown him,
 Jes - se's Rod, and crown him,
 last - ing song, and crown him,
 crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
 crown

crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
 him,

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for paying attention to us always. Now, help us to pay attention to you, what you are saying to us, and what you are asking us to do. By paying attention, we will see and hear the needs of our world. We offer ourselves in service to you as the Spirit guides us. May the peaceful presence of Christ bless us and all around us. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high; I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high!

Senior Choir

Yes, He Did

Lloyd Larson

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

Message *Jesus is a Healer*

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory Interlude Charles Talmadge

Doxology Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Service of Word and Table

Please see the Communion Liturgy on [page 6](#) of this document.

Communion Anthem Go In Love Don Besig

Hymn We, Thy People, Praise Thee

Unison

We, thy peo-ple, praise thee, praise thee, God of ev - ery na-tion!

We, thy peo-ple, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts e - ter - nal!

1. Days of won-der, days of beau-ty, days of rap-ture filled with light
2. For thy bless-ings, for thy boun-ty, joy - ful songs to thee we sing,

tell thy good-ness, tell thy mer-cies, tell thy glo-rious might.
songs of glo - ry, songs of tri - umph to our God and King.

We, thy peo-ple, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee ev - er - more!

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Benediction

Postlude

Glory Be to God

J. S. Bach

A Service of Word and Table

Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! All: Thanks be to God!

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The people sing their response:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
power and might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - - - - -
- ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
est! Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and

living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The people sing their response:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en,
Christ will come a - gain. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Cup